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PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS volume reproduces in print the journal of the transactions during the seige of Fort St. George, when the place was invested by the French under Lally from December 12, 1758 to February 17, 1759. During this period there were no Consultations of Council, the Governor, Pigot, being placed with Lawrence in full charge of the defence.

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12th December 1758 to 17th February 1759.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1758*———

Journal of Transactions during the siege of Fort S^t. George, begun the 12^th: December 1758.

Our Army under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence having retreated from the Mount the 10^th in the Evening to the Choultry Plain near the Seapoy Choultry the next Evening (the 11^th:) part of the Forces took post at the House & Gardens now belonging to M^r. Turing, part in the Beetle Tope opposite and in other advantageous places to defend the Passes. Upon the retreat of our Forces from the Mount, the French Army under the Command of Thomas Arthur Count de Lally Possessed themselves of that place and their advanced Gu[ard] took Post at Marmelon. This Morning the 12^th: their whole European Force with some Black Troops march'd from the Mount and Marmelon to the Choultry Plain and after a Cannonade of about an hour as they advanced our Army retreated to the Island.

The same Morning a part of the Enemys Black Troops attacked S^t. Thome where We had some Seapoys Post who retreated in good order and joined our Batallion.

A Party of Europeans We had at Egmore Powder Mill retired at the same time to the Island, and a large party of the Enemys Horse took Possession of that post also immediately.

The whole being joined, Partys of Europeans and Seapoys were detached to defend the Passes of the Black Town and the rest came into Garrison.

The Enemy encamped their main body on [the] Choultry Plain just beyond the Garden now belonging to M^r. Turing, some lay at the Companys Garden House and Horse Stables and some at M^r. Steevens's Garden.

Some of the Enemys Horse having plun[dered several of the villages to the Northward and advanced as far as] Trivitore Lieutenant Spellman was detached Yesterday with [six] Horse and Forty of the Nabobs Horse and a Field piece [to join] two Companys of Seapoys lying at Trivitore and to Open a [passage] to Pulicat for such of the Black Inhabitants as chose to [leave] this Settlement and retire that way. Upon the retreat [*a few words lost*] into Garrison orders were dispatched this day to Lieutenant [Spellman] to return immediately which he did in this Evening.

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Upon the March of the French [from the] Mount towards Choultry Plain the Nabob who a few [days before] had retired from S^{t} Thomé to the Companys Garden [House came to] the Town with his Family and Attendants this morn [ing and is] lodged in a House the Corner of Charles Street late Doctor [Munroe's].

All the Companys Covenanted [Servants and] Inhabitants are appointed to Superintend or Assist [in the issue of] the necessary Stores and provisions for the Garrison and [Inhabitants] and some Rules and Method to be observed in the [distribution] are Settled.

The Companys Covenanted [Servants and] Inhabitants expressing their desire to bear Arms in [defence of the] Settlements in case of Need, their Service is accepted [and a Fusee] and Cartridge Box with Eighteen rounds is delive[red to each and] they are desired to hold themselves in readiness [and to assemble] at the Fort House upon all Alarms, the Signal [is to be the Drum] beating to Arms.

By the Account of Deserters [and other Intelli]gence it is judged that the Enemys whole [Force may amount] to three Thousand Europeans Horse and Foot, [about Five hun^{d}] Black Horse and Three Thousand Seapoys.

Our whole Force at this [Time amounts] to 1758 Europeans, Horse, Military and [Artillery as per Return] in the Appendix N^{o} 1. and about 2220 [Seapoys besides whom] the Nabob has about 200 Horse which are [very bad Troops as] of little or no use.

[The Quantity of provisions of all sorts] [*a few words lost*] in for the Garrison upon the prospect of a Siege appears by an [*a word lost*] in the Appendix N^{o} 2.

For the Quantity of all Military Stores in Garrison, see the General Return in the Appendix N^{o} 3.

This Evening dispatched, advices to Capt^{n} Preston at Chingleput as ℔ Letter in Appendix N^{o} 4.

The Governour having received advice that a large Ship had sailed from Pondichery loaded with Ammunition and Artillery for M^{r} Lallys Army and by the last Accounts lay some where near Connemere waiting for an Opportunity to proceed, It is Resolved to embarke the petty Officers of the Triton and Bridgwater who were made prisoners at Fort S^{t} David and have been since Exchanged and are now here in number about 20 with forty Marines on board the Dutch Snow Victoria now in the Road, That Captain Jasper who has Offered his Service to go upon this Enterprise have the command of the Expedition, and endeavour to Board the French Ship, and a Commission is accordingly given him for that purpose with Instructions as in the Appendix N^{o} 5.

This Evening came in one Deserter who had deserted from us about five days ago and reports the Enemy to be about two Thousand Three hundred Europeans.

Wednesday. 13.—Nothing remarkable happened this day. Parties of the Enemys Horse frequently appeared at a distance reconnoitring; our Guard remain the same as yesterday.

Dispatched Letters to Major Caillaud, Capt^{n} Joseph Smith at Trichenopoly Captain Achilles Preston at Chingleput and to Usoff Cawn as ℔ appendix N^{o} 6. 7. 8. 9.

The intention of employing the Dutch Brigantine being communicated to the Captain this Evening he offered to sell her for 10000 Rupees which it was Agreed to give him but he retracted and desired that if We took the Brigantine by force We would give him a Writing to that effect and settle the price with his Owner in Bengal which is promised him and the [*a few words lost*] provisions as agreed yesterday are embarked this Evening.

Five Deserters came in this Evening [and reported] that the Enemys head Quarters are at M^{r} Turings House [and the] main body encamped on Choultry

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plain, That 55 Men [are posted] at Egmore Powder Mill, that no considerable partys are de[tached] from their main body, and that the parties which were [left] near Chingleput have joined their Camp, That We killed [18] Men by the Canonade yesterday, and that the Enemys [People] are in general dissatisfyed and are enclined to desert.

Thursday 14th.—This morning by break of day the Enemy with a large part of [their] European and Black Force having marched round from the [Choultry] Plain by Vipary advanced to the North part of the Black Town [which] our Seapoys posted there abandoned and retreated towards the [White] Town at the same time the Europeans which had been pos[ted at] some of the Points also retreated and got into the Fort not without [great] hazard of being cut off by the precipitate retreat of the Seapoys. [Thus] the Enemy entered the Black Town in all parts with very little opposition and by Eight of the Clock in the Morning were in full Possession of it and hoisted the White Flag upon the Armenian [Church] and the burying Ground. Between Eight and Nine it was resolv[ed to] make a vigourous Sally with about Six hundred Men. Lieut. Col. D[raper] Commanded the party and marched out at the Western Gate over [the] old Bridge which leads into Peddanagues Pettah. Major Cholmon[dly] Brereton was ordered with 100 Men of the Party to Guard the [passage] by the Old Hospital to prevent the Enemy from cutting off Col^{l}· Dra[per's] retreat, whilst the Col. with 500 Men, the rest of the party, and t[wo] Field Pieces advanced into the great Street of the Pettah, where the Enemy had posted the Regiment of Lorrain with four Field pieces. Col^{l}· Draper attacked them immediately and a smart action ensued which lasted about half an hour. The Enemy at one time were drove from their Guns and Col^{l}. Draper with four Grenadie[rs] advanced so near to take them that the Officer who Commanded them beg'd Quarter, but Unfortunately our Granadiers having suff[ered] much during the Action being thrown into some disorder did [not] advance with the Colonel, which the Enemy observing rallyed and returned to the charge and obliged the Colonel to abandon those Guns which he had thus in a manner Possessed himself off and a smart firing ensued; in the mean time Notice being bro^{t}· to the Col^{l}· that a large body of Lallys Regiment was advanced to sustain the Lorrain he retreated (leaving behind our two Field Pieces) and returned into the Fort. During the action the Count d'Estaing a Brigadier and Third in Command in the French Army being thrown from his Horse was taken Prisoner, and brought into the Fort where he was received by the Governour with all the Civility and respect due to his Rank and his Sword was immediately returned to him. Our Loss in this Action appears by the return in the Appendix N^{o}· 10.

The Officers amongst the missing are, Capt. Hume, Capt. Lieutenant Bilhocks, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Blair, Ensign Cooke, and Ensign Chase, And amongst the wounded Major Polier, in the Leg, Capt. Pascall dangerously and Lieut^{t}· Elliot.

The Count d'Estaing being permitted to write to M^{r}· Lally to inform him of his being a prisoner, and to desire that his Cloaths, and his Servant might be sent to him, his Letter was dispatched by a Chubdar with a Flag who returned in the afternoon with Several Letters of Compliment from the Principal Officers in the French Army and a Letter from M^{r}· Lally as ℔ Appendix N^{o}· 11.

Letters were dispatched this Evening to Major Caillaud, Usoff Cawn Capt. Smith at Trichenopoly and Captain Preston at Chingleput advising them of Event of this days Action as ℔ Appendix N^{o}· 12. 13. 14. & 15.

The Engineer employed in making a dam cross the Gut which communicates between the Ditch & River on the Northwest and running a Pallisade across an Open Passage near the South Flank of the Royall Bastion and other usefull Works.

[John Calls Journal [Rep]ort of the Garrison Intelligence.

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Friday the 15th.—[This morning three of Count d'Estaing's Servants came with a Flag and brought him two Letters one from Mr. Lally & one from Mr.] Bussy as ℔ Appendix No. 16 & 17.

By the List of Prisoners taken in the Action Yesterday which Mr. Lally refers to in his Letters it appears that there are in all 95 Europeans and Eight Topasses of whom Eighteen Europeans and One Topass are wounded Besides three Officers wounded and One Voluntier Viz. Capt. Humes, Lieuts. Smith & Blai[r] and Voluntier Halfpenny.

In the Afternoon two of the Counts Servants, returned with a Flag and carried a Letter from the Governour to Mr. La[lly] and two Letters from the Count d'Estaing one to Mr. Lally and the other to Mr. de Bussy as ℔ Appendix No. 18. 19 & 20.

See Mr. Calls Book Report of the Garrison Intelligence.

Several Deserters come in this day from the Enemy report their Loss in Yesterdays Action to amount to above three hundred.

We cannot learn that they are erecting any Batterys, We fire at times from our Bastions wherever any appeara[nces] are observed of Work carrying on, but the Officers are ordered not to wa[ste] Ammunition in firing at a few People, without a great probability of doi[ng] execution.

The Engineer employed in making two Batterys one of three Guns to cover the old North East Bastion and another of 4 Guns on the Glacis to the Eastward a little to the Southward of [the] South Flank of the same Bastion, extending from the Covered w[ay] to the surf, which Work will play entirely along the Beach to the [*a word lost*] of the Fort. also in making a Pallisade round the Sea Gate and Banquets on the East face of the Demi Bastion.

Saturday the 16th.—The Intelligence brought this day by Hircarrahs is to the following [effect].

That Mr. Lally's head Quarters are at Tomby [Chitty's] Pagoda, and that most of the Men are Quartered near it That some Tumbrils and other carriages, with Ammunition & Bomb Shells were brought from the Mount and Choultry plain, into the Black Town. That one large gun was brought upon a Transporting Carriage as far [into] the Black Town [River, but there stuck in the Mud, the River being very deep,] but that some Officers and Soldiers with Bullocks were sent to get it out. That they have an Officer's Guard at the old Town Ditch near Tomby Chitty's House, and some Soldiersposted in the Burying Ground, and that a part of the Enemy's Horse and Baggage which lay upon the Choultry plain was removed to day into the Black Town. That their People are working near the Burying Ground Wall, and just on this side the old Town Ditch, where they have thrown up a Mud Wall. That Chunda Saib's Son has pitched his Tent in Tomby Chitty's Pagoda: That there are four Field pieces in front of the Pagoda and four Tumbrils of Ammunition, and in the Street Six Field Pieces and as many Tumbrils and some Bomb Shells, but no Mortar. That the Enemy have a few Europeans, some Moores Horse and Seapoys at St. Thomé, but no Guards or Sentrys or any of their People at Triplicane, or the Garden House.

One Mc Kay, an Irish Deserter, who came in Yesterday seemingly in Liquor being suspected to be sent as a Spy, one of our People who had been a prisoner at Pondicherry and knew him to be the person who was the Chief Agent in engageing the English Prisoners at Pondichery to enlist in the French Service, was set to converse with him. He soon came to the Point, acknowledged that he was sent by his Major to bring off as many Men as he could, and endeavoured to perswade the Person who conversed with him to speak to his Comrades and to bring off as many of them as he could. This Mc Kay being examined this day, denied every thing that he had said when in Liquor, but it is however thought proper to keep

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him a close Prisoner in Irons and to promise him a pardon if he will truely confess who sent & for what purpose, and give Us all other intelligence of the Enemys design that he can.

A Black Fellow was hanged this Evening at the foot of the Glacis as a Spy. Upon his Examination he acknowledged himself to be a french Dubash, and could give no Satisfactory reason for his being found near our Works.

A Letter was brought in this day by a Flag for the Count d' Estaing, from M^r. De Bussy's Secretary as ℔ Appendix N^o. 21.

A Flag came in from the Southward with Letters from our Officers who were wounded and taken in the action of the 14. Desiring some Cloaths and money might be sent them, which [was sent accordingly and the Flag returned].

Received a Letter from Usoff Cawn as ℔ Appendix N^o. 22. The Hircarrah who brought it says that he left him six days ago near Trinomallee that he has sixteen hundred Horse with him and three Thousand Collerys besides the Trichenopoly Seapoys.

Dispatched Letters to Captain Preston at Chingleput and to Usoff Cawn as ℔ Appendix N^o. 23 and 24.

It was resolved to make a Sortie this Night to give the Enemy an Alert, and endeavour to Nail up some of their Guns in the Black Town, accordingly about a Quarter after Elev[en] of Clock Ensign Crawley marched out of the North Gate with one Serjant, one Corporal, and thirty Six privates, all Voluntiers, and forty Seapoys but he Scarcely advanced beyond the foot of the Gl[acis] before he was discovered by the Enemys Centinels who gave the Alar[m] and the Enemy immediately beat to Arms, upon which it was not thought prudent, to risk the party and orders were sent to Ensign Crawley to return, which he did.

Sunday the 17^th.—The Weather having been so very Tempestuous [since] the Embarkation of the Detachment on board the Snow Victoria the [*a word lost*] that they could not proceed nor could any Boats or Assistance be sent from the Shore 'till this Morning, the Wind & Surf being abated, a Cattamaran was sent Off with a Note to Captain Jasper to know the State of the Vessell and people on board, at Noon the Cattamaran return[ed] with a Letter from Cap^t. Jasper, and declaration of Nine of the Petty Officers who did belong to the Frigates that they are unwilling to [Obey him ?]. See the Appendix N^o. 25 & 26.

As the Success of the Intended interprize dep[ends] greatly on its Secrecy and the Resolution of those who were to carry it into execution, it is feared that some intimation of the design may [have] reached the Enemy who in that Case will doubtless have taken precau[tion] to prevent a Surprise. Upon this Consideration added to the unwilling[ness] of the Marriners whose Services and Resolution were chiefly depended on, it is Resolved to disembark the Troops this Evening and drop the intended Expedition for the present, but to detain the Vessell in the [Road to be employed as occasion may require].

The Count dé Estaing having expressed a desire of having some Negociation set on foot for his Exchange, The Governour after consulting with the Council and the Field Officers, with their Concurrence wrote a Letter to the Count as ℔ Appendix N^o. 27.

To which the Count d'Estaing returned an answer as ℔ Appendix N^o. 28.

Letters were dispatched this day, as in the Appendix Viz^t.

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In order to inspire the Garrison with Spirits and as a Reward for their Bravery it is resolved to Publish to them in case the Enemy shall be either defeated or compelled to raise the Siege the Sum of Fifty Thousand Rupees shall be divided amongst them five days after their defeat or retreat, following in this promise of Reward the Example of the Honble Company who have thought two Thousand Pounds not two [*sic*] large a Recompence to the Seamen of any of their Ships who shall make a good defence when attacked and repel the Enemy.

There being frequent occasion to distribute Rewards to Hircarrahs, Spies, and in other Secret Services Three Thousand Pagodas and a Thousand Rupees are deposited in the Governours hands for that purpose.

Five hundred Pagodas are advanced the Military Storekeeper.

It being necessary to secure as many places in the Town as Possible from the Enemys Bombs the Governour is empowered to employ as many of the Companys Bales, either Wollen or Long Cloth as he shall find necessary and where he shall think proper.

The Engineers People employed in perfecting the Battarys begun the 15th. raising Parapets where necessary to the Northward and laying Sand on the Powder Magazine formerly the Cloth Godown and on a small Magazine adjoining to the Laboratory.

The Intelligence received this day is to the following Effect. That two Boats arrived at St. Thomé this morning with Ammunition and a small Gun in each. That the Enemy have three Companys of Seapoys three hundred Black Horse and a few Europeans there but no guards or Centrys along the Sea Side from thence Northward. That they have sent a great many wounded Officers and Soldiers to Pondicherry and are Still getting Conveyances as fast as they can to send more.

Report of the Garrison. Nothing remarkable happened in the Garrison this day.

Monday the 18th.—This morning a Flag was sent out with a Letter from the Count d'Estaing to Mr. Lally enclosing a Copy of the Governours Letter to him and his Answer. See the Appendix No. 38.

Many Inconveniencies being already felt fr[om] the Number of Attendants on the Nabob amounting to upwards of four hundred persons who are to be fed out of the Store of Garrison Provisions besides the great Nusance arising from a Number of Hors[es] and Cattle belonging to them and which it is difficult to keep in any or[der]. These Inconveniences alone might be sufficient to make the Nabobs removal a desirable object, but the Safety of his person is still of gre[at] moment, as on that greatly depends the Security of his Debt to the Company should this place be maintained against the French Upon these Considerations the Nabob having been Consulted and Consenting, It is resolved that he and his Wife & Children with as many of his Attendants as can conveniently be embarked on the D[utch] Snow and sent to Negapatam with a Letter of Recommentation [to] the Governour and Council there desiring they will afford him protection and Assistance to pass from thence to Trichenopoly. Th[at] Mr. Hugh Norris one of the Council accompany the Nabob to introd[uce] him and support the Recommendation and that by the same Oppor[tunity] twenty Thousand Pagodas be sent under the Charge of Mr. Hugh Norris to be forwarded to Trichenopoly for the Service of that Garrison.

It is also proposed that After the Nabobs depar[ture] such of his Attendants being Horsemen as cannot go with him do ta[ke] an Opportunity to push out to the Southward and make their way to Chingleput and join Capt. Preston.

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Capt Robert Holford is appointed to Command the Snow and after he has landed the Nabob at Negapatam is to proceed directly to Bombay with Advices of our Situation.

The Capt of the Dutch Snow still persisting that he cannot agree on any price for the Vessell but desiring an Obligation from the President & Council to be answerable to the Owners in Bengal for the value, such an Obligation is given him (See the Appendix N°. 39) At the same time he delivers in an Account of an Anchor some Cordage and others things on board the Vessell belonging to himself amounting to three Thousand Current Rupees (CR^{s}. 3000) for which he desires a Bill on the President & Council of Bengal as he has no means of Securing that money if paid him here, a Sett of Bills is therefore now given him of this date for CR^{s}. 3000 upon the President and Council of Bengal.

A Sett of Bills is also now Signed for A R^{s}. 2790 payable to the order of M^{r}. Charles Lewis Hagemeister being the Ballance of an Account of 344 Bags of Wheat landed here from the Dutch Snow and purchased at the Rate of 10 Rupees ℔ Bag amounting to 3440 Rupees of which R^{s}. 650 have been paid.

A Letter of Advice is wrote to accompany these Bills as ℔ Appendix N°. 40.

One of the Companys Corporal Peons arrived this day from Chingleput reports that Capt. Preston hearing that the French had a Mortar and some Cannon going from Covelong to Madrass detached four Companys of Seapoys with forty Lascars under the Command of Lieut^{t}. Airey the 14th. Instant to intercept the Convoy, which consisted of about One hundred and fifty Seapoys, that Lieut Airey with his party came up with the Convoy attacked and put the Seapoys to flight but not being able to bring off the Mortar, he spiked it, as well as two small Guns and burnt the Carriages, he took likewise and Carried to Chingleput about Twenty Firelocks and fifty or Sixty Bullocks. This Peon adds that it is reported at Chingleput that Mahomed Usoff Cawn is arrived at Trinomale and that Capt. Preston dispatched Letters to him 10 days ago, That he heard on the Road that Chunda Saib's Son is going towards Poonemalee with three hundred Horse and two Companys of Seapoys.

A Spy sent out last Night returned this day at Noon and brings Intelligence that there are five or Six Europeans and fifteen Horse posted at the Garden House. Another gives the following account, that yesterday Morning Mons. Lambert was sent from S^{t}. Thomé towards Pondicherry with 100 Europeans foot 100 European Horse and 100 Black Horse and that Rajah Saib (Chunda's Son) went at the same time to Poonemalee with almost all the rest of the Black Hor[se.] That he saw four Guns which appeared to be large lying on the other Side of the Black Town River. That he went all about their Head Quarters at the Black Town this morning and Saw no Batterys Mor[tar] or large Guns, but Seven or eight Field pieces planted in the Several Avenues. That he heard M^{r}. Lally was at Linga Chitty's House.

Another confirms the Account of Rajah Saibs going with almost all their black Forces to Poonemallee and adds that he had also a hundred European Horse that he heard it reported in the Enemy's Camp that the intent of his going was to meet and engage Usoff Cawn, who they heard was coming down by the Arcot Road, That the large Gun which Stuck in the Mud the other side of the Black Town River, still remains there, and another which came into the Town sticks in the Paddy Field by the Company's Garden. That he saw no other large Guns or Mortars nor any Batterys begu[n.]

A Letter dispatched this Evening to Capt. Pres[ton] at Chingleput to advise of the Detachments made by the Enemy judged to be with an intention to oppose Usoff Cawn. See the Appendix N°. 41.

Our Patroles along the Sea Side to the Northward discovered five of the Enemy and fired upon them and they retired, they then advanced a little further

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and saw a greater Number coming towards them upon which they fired and retired into the Covered way, nothing else remarkable happened in the Garrison.

The following returns are delivered in this day being the 7th. since this Place was invested, See the Appendix Viz.

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It is worthy remark that not one man has Deserted from us, or been seen in Liquor since We have been inves[ted.]

Tuesday the 19th.—Last night and the Night before, the Enemy threw up two Breast works behind each other near the Sea Side to the Northward by which it is judged that they intend to direct a Battery against the North face of the old North East Bastion in order therefore to prevent the Ruin of that Work it is thought necessary that the low Flank on the East Wing of the Demy Bastion be raised sufficiently high to cover the North East Bastion from the Enemy's Shott. And to incommode the Enemy at the least expence of Ammunition possible, it is proposed to raise a platform in the North East Angle of the Covered way before the Saliant Angle of the Demy Bastion, high enough for field Pieces on covered way Carriages to fire over the Glacis. It is also thought necessary to close up the opening between the upper and lower Flank of the Demy Bastion in the Securest manner possible, To raise the Saliant Angle of the Demy Bastion two or three feet higher to prevent an enfilade and to make a Traverse on the East Wing for the same purpose. To repair the Parapets, Platforms, and Embrasures of the North Lunette, and put them in a thorough good Condition; all which the Engineers is directed to carry into execution as fast as possible.

The Intelligence received this day is to the following effect. A Man of Jemul Saib's reports—That Mr. Lambour marched with two or three hundred Europeans from St. Thomé to the Southward, and Rajah Saib went to Poonemalee with almost all their Black Force; that he heard these two were intended to join and march against Usoff Cawn. That in St. Thomé there are now two or three hundred Black Horse, 50 or 60 European Horse, and fifty or Sixty Military. That he saw two Mortars brought up near the Portuguese Church in the black Town, and a detachment of 15 or 20 Seapoys from each Company is employed in bringing Fascines to erect a Battery which he says is begun on behind the Barricade they have thrown up; That he judges the Battery to be intended for the two Mortars. That he saw a large Gun Sunk in the Mud on the other side of the black Town River, and another in the same Condition near the Company's Garden within the black Town. That the Carriages have been broke and repaired two or three times and are now again broke. That he heared some other Guns were Sunk in the same manner in different parts of the Roads from Conjeveram and Carangoly. Another Hircarrah gives the following Account. That he went last Night to the Garden House where an Officer is, with four or five Europeans and half a Company of Seapoys from thence to Trivitashium and this morning crossed the Choultry plain and saw near Turing's House several Tents and other Baggage and only a guard of four or five Seapoys. That he went into the Black Town, by the back of the Hospital and he reports that all the Enemy's European Horse are quartered in the Street from the Elephant's Garden to the small Portuguese Church (near Fracos Garden) the Artillery people and Stores in a cross Street to the Westward of that Garden. Their European Soldiers in the different Streets of Muttal Pattah from Tomby Chitty's Pagoda to an old Pagoda: Between Padre Thom[as's] Garden and the Sea side he saw a Mortar behind a heap of the Rubbish of one of the Houses lately pulled down but he saw no large Gun, That they have no body in Peddanigue's Pettah except a small

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guard of Seapoys posted at Andeapah's Choultry in Gungaram's Street. That Rajah Saib is gone with a large Black Force, as he heared, to Arcot. That he saw in the Black Town only about One hundred Moors Horse which Stand among the Gardens on this side Padre Thomas's.

A Sally was made at twelve oClock at night with Nineteen Europeans and about 30 Seapoys Commanded by Ensign Bonjour from the Saliant Angle of the Covered way of the Demy Bastion; he advanced as far as the right Flank of the Enemy['s] Line when some of the Seapoys cryed out they saw Horse, gave a Scattering Fire and retreated; the Europeans did the same. In the retreat one of his Majesty's Regiment was wounded, one Marine kill[ed] and One wounded.

At one oClock Jemal Saib Commandant of Seapoys march'd out of S$^{t.}$ George's Gate with one Thousand Seapoys it was intended that he should have pushed thro' the Enemy's Guards about the Garden House (which by the foregoing Intelligence appeard too weak to make any opposition to this party) and have advanced as far as S$^{t.}$ Thomé to beat up the Enemy's Quarters, and endeavour to Spike up a large Gun which was seen lying upon it's Carriages on the Beach. When they came to the Garden House the Enemy made an unexpected opposition which however must have been to little purpose had the Seapoys behaved with the least degree of Resolution, but upon the first Fire of the Enemy many of our Seapoys threw down their Arms and fled, the rest struck with a Pannick retreated in disorder and about two oClock returned into Garrison and it is not known that one man amongst them was either killed or wounded. This shews that no dependance can be placed on the Seapoys; they are however of great use in releiving the European Military from the fatigue of the Garrison Duty in the day time.

Wednesday the 20th.—Last night the Enemy advanced their Trench and Breast Work about 50 Paces; this has the Appearance of their first Parallel.

Working parties, besides Cooleys, are employed in the Works and Repairs discribed and ordered yesterday.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for Mayor and Sherif annually elected to enter on their respective Offices the Council assembled as usual and a Message being brought that the Mayor elect and Sherif are ready to take the Oath they are introduced with the other members and Officers of the Mayor's Court and the Oaths of Allegiance and Office are first administered by the President to Charles Turner Esq$^{r.}$ who was chosen the 5$^{th.}$ Instant, and then to M$^{r.}$ Henry Eustace Johnston, who was the same day elected Sheriff both for the Year ensuing.

It having been always usual upon this occasion to Salute the New Mayor with Nine Guns, Nine Guns were shotted upon the Royal Bastion and pointed at the Enemy's Quarters and Works and discharged in honour of the New Mayor, and it is hoped with good Effect on the Enemy.

This morning the Dutch Snow lying at Anchor opposite the Sea Gate distant from the Shore about a Mile was fired at by the Enemy from some Field Pieces, one Shot entered her Bow and killed a Lascar upon which the Commander weighed and stood out and anchored in the Offing at the same time a Boat was discovered rowing from the Southward, as it seemed, towards the Vessell by which it was judged to be an Armed Boat of the Enemy from S$^{t.}$ Thomé, It was immediately resolved to send off twenty Marines in two Boats to endeavour to cut off that which was thought to be the Enemy's Boat, but if that could not be effected to embark on board the Snow and remain their [*sic*] untill she could be dispatched. The Boat from the Southward proved to be a Dutch Boat from Sadrass and came in here, our Marines therefore Embarked according to order. At Night the Nabob with his Wife and Family and as many of his Attendants as could be,

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accompanyed by M^r. Hugh Norris, embarked on board the Snow. The undermentioned Letters were wrote upon this Occasion which may be seen at length in the Appendix Viz^t.

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At noon a Messenger with a Flag of Truce brought a Letter from M^r. Lally for the Count d' Estaing and returned, this Letter is on the Subject of his Exchange. See the Appendix N^o. 55.

The Intelligence received this day, is from a Spy, who was yesterday at the Moorman's Garden just on this side of S^t. Thomè old Bridge by the side of the narrow Lane. He says, that the Enemy have a hundred Seapoys in that Garden and that he saw two large Guns upon Carriages which the Enemy endeavoured yesterday to bring this way, but could not get them over the old Bridge nor thro' that Ditch. Two others bring the following Account. That this Morning a Detachment of Military, above one hundred, marc[h'd] from the Black Town to join Raza Saib, at Poonemallee, with Design, as they heared, to engage Usoff Cawn. That with this Detachment went whatever Moors Horse or other Black Force they could get together. That a Supply of Money came to the French Camp this morning from S^t. Thomé guarded by about ten Troopers, that they went to Maskelyn['s] Garden where a few Moores Horse & Seapoys were posted; this morning they came into the Black Town where they saw a large Gun near the Portugueze Church. That the Enemy's Soldiers are quartered in the Houses of Mutall Pettah from Tomby Chitty's Choultry quite to the Bound Hedge and they saw parcells of Ammunition and Stores dispersed in different places. Another gives an Account that a great Gun was brought up as far as Trivle[cane] this Morning. Another Harcarrah brings the following Account. That he passed thro' Trivelicane & Trivitashium and saw none [of the] Enemy; some Tents and Baggage he saw near Turing's House, [but] no people. This morning he passed thro' the Black Town in Peddanaigue's Pettah he says the Enemy have posted 100 Seapoys, fifty in the Street leading from the Governour's Fowle House, and 50 in the large Street further north, called Gungaram's Street. That he saw one large Gun and One Mortar near the Portuguese Church. That the French Soldiers are Quartered from Tomby Chitty's Pagoda up to Mallea[sar's] Pagoda. That he heared a Report in the Camp of Raza Saibs being gone towards Arcot and Muzefer Beg with him to oppose Tondanam's [*sic*] People. The same Hircarrah went out again at 8 O Clock at Night & returned at Eleven with the following Account. That he went to Trivelicane and in the Buzzars there, saw a large Gun upon a Carriage, the Seapoys & Cooleys were gone to dress their Victuals but the Bullocks were standing by.

All this Night a warm Fire was kept from the Royal Bastion and North Lunette upon the Besieger's Trenches.

Thursday the 21^st.—The Enemy advanced in their Paralell but a few paces last night which gives Us reason to think either that they have been prevented by our Fire or that that Work is intended only to amuse Us, and draw our Fire that way while they are erecting Works in some other part, as yet concealed.

The Nabob and his Family having embark'd late last Night on board the Snow, early this morning they weigh'd and by Nine oClock were out of Sight, having first sent ashore the Party of Marines which had been embarked for the Security of the Vessell.

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Mr. John Pybus is appointed Paymaster and Military Paymaster in the room of Mr. Hugh Norris who accompanyed the Nabob to Negapatam.

Upon the Report brought in last Night by an Hircarrah that he had seen a large Gun upon it's Carriages in the Buzar at Triplicane it was resolved to make a Sortie with 1 Corporal 12 Europeans & 50 Seapoys to endeavour to Spike it up, & at the same time, if it were found practicable, to beat up the Enemy's Quarters about the Garden House and Chindadre Pettah. Lieut. Bannatyne was appointed to command the Party, assisted by Ensign Crawley, They accordingly about ten oClock march'd out at St. Thomas's Gate along the Sand on the Beach, a Comp-[any] of Grenadiers march'd with them as far as the Bar of the River and took post there to cover their Retreat in case of need, at the sa[me] time a large body of Seapoys under the Command of Jemal Saib were Paraded in the Covered way of the West front, ready to Sally out at the So[rtie] of St. George's Gate over the Bridge leading to Peddanague's Pet[tah] to create a diversion that way in case the Enemy should take the Alarm to the Northward ; Lieut. Bannatyne advanced by Mr. Steevens's House into Triplicane as far as the Pagoda, but fou[nd] none of the Enemy there or any Gun, he then Struck off towa[rds] the Garden House intending to have Passed thro' the Lane [which] leads from thence towards Mr. Turing's House but before he [had] advanced far in it he observed a body of European Infantry dr[awn] up at the end upon the plain and making front towards hi[m] he judged their Number to be about three hundred, which [he] was by no means able to encounter and therefore retreated b[ack] by the Garden House to the foot of the Bridge by Mr. Powney's House through Mr. Powney's Garden and so back by the side of the River to the Bar and joined there the Company of Grenadiers and all returned to [the] Fort. Whilst this was doing and about the time they were retr[eating] as aforementioned, two Guns appeared with a long train of Bull[ocks] to each, crossing the Plain from Egmore to the great Mettow by the Moorman's Tomb and tho distant from the Fort at least a Mile and an half, our Guns fired upon them and had this good Effect; that the drivers loosed the Oxen from the Carriages and drove them away and left the Guns sticking in the Clay. At the same time the Party of Seapoys which had been Paraded in the Covered way and Jemal Saib Sallied forth over the New Bridge and marched ac[ross] the Island to Egmore Bridge with an intent, if possible, to Spike up the Guns, but the Enemy in the Black Town had taken the Alarm some time before and beat to Arms, their Hussars and Black Horse were seen riding full Speed towards the Place where the Guns were left, upon which it was thought too hazardous for our Party to advance and orders were sent [to] Jemal Saib to return which he did without Opposition. [By] this Sortie the Enemy have been thrown into a General Commotion besides the Good Effect such Sallys may have on our Seapoys by enuring them to danger, the Enemy's People are harrassed and fatigued and their Works retarded. Lieutenant Bannatyne took one European Prisoner of Fisher's Regiment and one Seapoy with twenty five Stand of Arms. he also found a Parcell of Letters amongst which one from Pondicherry mentions that the *Employés and Bourgeois* are obliged to mount Guard in the Garrison, another from Mazulipatam mentions the landing of the English at Vizagapatm. consisting of 300 Europeans and 1500 Seapoys and says that Mr. De Conflans was at the head of 450 Europeans and 4 or 5000 Seapoys.

[Co]venant Servants [&] Inhabitants.

This Afternoon a Flag of Truce was sent out with a Letter from the Count d'Estaing to Mr. Lally in Answer to that received yesterday. See the Appendix No. 56.

This Evening dispatched a Letter to Captain Preston at Chingleput as ☥ Appendix No. 57.

A Seapoy who was sent out to St. Thomé for Intelligence return[ed and] Reports; that Meer Munsoor, who was formerly in the Company's Service, is there in the Service of the Enemy with One hundred Horse. That he (the Seapoy) asked him if he was willing to come over into the Company's Service again.

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That Meer Munsoor after expressing his great regard for the Company, who had given him a Medal, answered, that he should very willingly come over to our Service again, that if the Governour would order Captain Preston to pay him on his arrival at Chingleput four thousand Pagodas he would go there immediately with his hundred Horse and get Over an hundred more from the Enemy. That the four Thousand Pagodas should be considered only as an advance and be deducted out of their future pay and that the Pay of each be Stipulated at the rate of Thirty Rupees ℔ Month for each Man & Horse, and he offered further to raise a body of Seapoys at the rate of Fifteen Rupees ℔ Man ℔ Month, which he says is what the French al[low.] And as a Proof of his Intentions to return to the English Servi[ce he] has sent his Nephew with the Seapoy to Negociate and Set[tle] this Affair.

It being late at Night when the Seapoy [returned] with Meer Munsoor's Nephews and the foregoing Account the Consideration of it is deffered till the Morning.

The same Seapoy reports further that the alarm was very great in S^{t}. Thomé this Morning in so much that Numbers of the Enemy's Camp Attendants ran away tow[ards] the Mount.

Friday the 22^{d}.—The Enemys Paralell advances but Sl[owly] last Night a Warm Fire was kept both of Shot and Shells at [their] Trenches.

The proposal of Meer Munsoor to come ov[er to us] with an hundred Horse as mentioned yesterday being thought w[orth] embracing his Nephew whom he had entrusted to Negociate concerning the terms, was told, that the only difficulty We were under was to convey the four Thousand Pagodas required as an advance to Chingleput that if he would accept a part here as an earnest and be content to receive the rest as [soon] as We could find an Opportunity of sending it to Chingleput he might rely on the punctual performance of the terms he proposes; upon which he consented to receive five hundred Pagodas and the rest when it can be sent and engaged [that] Meer Munsoor should join Captain Preston with an hundred Ho[rse] a Letter was wrote for him to deliver to Captain Preston to apprise [him] of this Agreement. See the Appendix N^{o}. 58.

About four oClock this Afternoon a large S[hip] appeared to the Northward Standing to the Southward, judg[ing] her to be an English Ship, a Letter was prepared to be sent off acquainting the Commander of our present Situation and di[rect] him if a ship of Force to Anchor opposite to the Enemys Trenches and endeavour to enfilade them, but if he should not be of suf [ficient] Force to Anchor close in under the Southermost Bastion. See [the] Appendix N^{o}. 59. But before the Cattamaran went off the [Ship] brought to about three Leagues to the Northward and at a great distance from the Shore by which it was thought prob[able] that she might belong to the Enemy as we have had Intelligence that [they are in daily expectation] of a ship from Mazulipatam [with ammunition & stores, the Letter therefore was not sent.]

A Return of the Disposition of the Artillery and Lascars on the Several Bastions and Batteries may be seen in the Appendix N^{o}. 60.

The Intelligence received this day is as follows.

A Company's Peon who was one of those placed as Tappies upon the Pulicat Road was seized by the French the day they invested Madras and has Worked for them as a Cooley ever since; this morning found means to escape and gave the following Account. That the Enemy have a Battery of four Guns by the Sea side Compleated and the Guns mounted, the face of the Battery is in a circular Form so that he judges some of the Guns will bear upon the Road and some enfilade the East front of the Town. From that Battery a Breast Work is thrown up to Tomby Chitty's House behind which, on this side the old Ditch, another

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Battery for Six Guns is almost compleated and three Guns are brought up and placed in the ditch in readiness. The Breast Work is continued from this Battery to Peddanigue's House, close to the burying Ground, where another Battery is begun intended also for Six Guns as he judges. From thence the Breast Work is continued to the Canal lately made by our taking our Clay for the Works and near that they have cleared out a Space where they keep their Magazines of Stores and Baggage, &c^{a}. That they began to Work three days ago behind the old Hospital, near the back of Sumpetrows House in Peddanigue's pettah, but having had five or Six men killed there by the Cannon from the Fort they have not continued that Work, but in the other Street at the Back of the old Hospital fronting the Northside of the New Hospital they have begun, and are now busily employed upon, a Circular Battery of Six Guns. This Peon further Reports. That the Regiment of Lorrain lay by their Arms last Night in the great Buzar Street of Peddanague's Pettah and that Fisher's Hussars and the rest of their Horse were in the Street adjoining. That the Battallion of India are quartered near the Portuguese Church and as far as Cachelly Pagoda. That the Croffrys [*sic*] are in the Company's Garden, and Lally's Regiment in the Old Pagoda further North called Malleazar's Pagoda. That M^{r}. de Bussy is gone with three hundred Europeans to join Raza Saib in order to Oppose Usoff Cawn.

A Hircarrah came in at [ten oClock at Night with the following Account. That he Slept last Night at Triplicane] that he saw nothing there and this morning early he went to S^{t}. Thomé, that at the sea side he saw several Boats & Cattamarans but no Guns or Mortar, he heared the People there talk that they expect some every day. In the Fort or Redout there he saw two Brass Guns mounted and two more in the Streets, He judges the Force there to be about 150 Europeans two or three Companys of Seapoys, 15 or 20 European Horse and One hundred and twenty Moors Horse, From S^{t}. Thomé he came to the Black Town by the way of Chindradre Pettah where he saw nothing, he entered Peddanague's Pettah which he found Crouded with Cooleys and Seapoys and a few Europeans chiefly [Gunners]. He saw them at Work and Worked himself for a Short time [upon] the Work in that Street at the Back of the Hospital just below the [upper ?]-roomed House but he cannot judge whether that Work is intende[d] for a Battery or only a Barricade and Breast Work. he saw two [Guns] in that Street, In Sumpetrow's Street facing the East towards the Burying Ground he saw a Barricade or Breast Work thrown up and one Gun. in a back Street to the Westward towards the River side he observed also a Barricade and Breast Works in some other of the Streets of Peddanague's Pettah. He went from thence to Malleasar Pagoda where he found Soldiers Quartered as usual and saw them reliev[e] Guard just before Sunset. He met Seventeen wounded men going in Dooleys thro' Chindadre Petta to S^{t}. Thomé and heared that few more killed by the Firing of last Night.

Nothing remarkable happened in the Garrison this day.

Saturday the 23^{d}. The Firing was kept up last night very briskly, as for some nights past, upon the Enemy's Parallel, as well as upon the other parts where We are informed they are at Work their Parallel seems to be but little advanced but the Trench deepen[ed.]

This morning another large Ship appeared to the Northward, the Ship which Anchored to the Northward last Night Still lay there, the Ship which appeared this morning stood for some time to the Eastward and then lay in for our Road upon which the other hoisted French Colours, We soon had the pleasure to observe that the Ship under sail hoisted [the English] ? Ensign ; a Cattamaran was immediately sent Off with a Letter to the Commander acquainting him of our present Situation and directing him to come and Anchor abreast of the Southermost Bastion of the Fort, (See the Appendix N^{o}. 61) but before the Cattamaran could

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get on board he Anchored in the Road about three miles distant from the Shore. The Cattamaran returned in the Afternoon with a Letter from Captn. Wedderburn to the Governr. acquainting him that the Ship is called the Thames. That he left Vizagapm. the 20th. Instant, That Col. Forde had obtained a Compleat Victory over the French and had taken all their Artillery and Baggage with a very inconsiderable Loss on our Side and adds that he has provisions on board for this Garrison a List of which he encloses and is in great want of an Anchor and Cable. See the Appendix N°. 62.

Before the Cattamaran returned with the above Letter a Boat was sent off with Mr. Alexander Dalrimple to inform the Captain of some Signals, but the Wind and Current being very fresh could not get on board and so returned. In the Evening another Cattamaran was sent off with repeated Orders to the Commander to come close in under the protection of our Guns, but could not reach the Ship and came back at ten oClock at night in the mean time an Anchor and Cable were got ready on the Beach to be sent off the first Opportunity.

As it is reasonable to think that Public Demonstrations of Joy upon occasion of the Victory gained by Colk Ford might have a good effect by raising the Spirits of our People and producing the Contrary in the Enemy it was therefore resolved to put the whole Garrison under Arms and to march them into the Covered way, which it was supposed would Alarm the Enemy and bring them to their front post, and so expose them the more to our Shot, and then to Fire twenty one Guns into different parts of their Quarters and Works and give three running Fires from the Covered way of the Whole Garrison, which was executed accordingly.

A Letter is dispatch'd this Evening to Captn. Preston at Chingleput as in the Appendix N°. 63.

The Count d'Estaing having given the Governour a List of the Principal Officers in the French Army a Copy is inserted in the Appendix N°. 64.

The only advice received this day is from Mr. Brooke at Pulicat who mentions that the French are in daily expectation of a Ship from Mazulipatam called the Harlem.

(The Harlem is the Ship they took from the Dutch in July or August last and the Ship which Anchored to the Northward yesterday is supposed to be the same). He also writes that Five French Officers arrived there 20th. the Marquis de St. Louis, The Marquis de Malte, Mess. Laws d' harambure and another, the two first wounded, and that Mr. Lally has detached a party of fifty European Horse and 100 Seapoys towards Nellour to quell some disturbance which has been raised that way.

Thames weighs. Boats sent off a Man Shot. Garrison Report Intelligence.

Sunday Ye. 24th. Our Fire was kept up last Night as usual, and this morning near thirty Dooleys were observed crossing the plain towards Egmore supposed to have sick or wounded Men in them, The Enemys Parallel does not appear to be any thing advanced last night.

This morning a Boat was sent off with a Cable to the Thames which got on board, another was sent off also with an Anchor and a Cattamaran was dispatched at the same time with a peremptory Order to the Captain to come in as near as possible under the protections of the Guns of the Fort, but before the two last could reach the Ship, she got under way, at the same time the French Ship which lay far to the Northward got under sail also; whether Captain Wedderburn thought he could not fetch in abreast of the Southermost Bastion as he had been directed, without making a Stretch off, or whether the French Ship getting under way was his motive for doing so is not yet known, but soon after he weighed which was about ten OClock he laid off close hauled till One when he was Hull to and as far to Leeward at St. Thomé, and then tacked and

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Stood in for the Land but the Current was so Strong that He fell to Leeward of S^{t} Thomé. He then laked [*sic*] again to work up but before night he had fallen to Leeward quite out of sight, and carried with him all the Letters he had on board for this Settlement. The French Ship Anchored before twelve a little to the Northward of the Black Town. The Boat which carried off the Cable returned and brought a Letter from Capt. Wedderburn, as in the Appendix N° 65.

Yesterday a Soldier was tried by a General Court Martial for Cocking his Piece at his Serjant and threatning to kill him and received Sentence of Death which was executed this day, Severe Examples being throught [*sic*] absolutely necessary at this time to prevent disorders in the Garrison which might prove fatal.

The Intelligence received this day is to the following Effect. Two Hirracarrah who came from Pulicat by the way of Poonemalee Passed over the Choultry plain and between Mackays House and Turings saw great Quantities of Baggage of all Sorts, Bales Tents &ca. but no Guard. Another Hircarrah brought the following Account. That the Enemy have a Battery ready at the sea Side with Guns mounted and another also finished by Tomby Chittys House, near which he saw two Mortars and four Guns lying on the Ground. That they are hard at Work upon another Battary behind the old Hospital near Sumpetrows House and he saw three Guns lying near it. The Work in the Street facing the new Hospital near the Small upper roomed House he takes to be only a Barracade and Breast Work. That they have three hundred Black Horse and some Europeans & Seapoys in S^{t} Thomé and he heard they expected Boats with Ammunition and Stores, that they have no Body in Chindradre Pettah but keep every night in the Tope at the Back of the Governours Garden a Guard of about 100 Europeans 50 Troopers 100 Black Horse and two or three Companys of Seapoys, but that they are withdrawn in the day.

Monday the 25th. Our Firing kept up briskly all last night as usual the Enemy have added but little to their Parallel.

This Forenoon several Tumbrils, supposed of Ammunition, were observed from the Fort passing over Egmore plain towards the Black Town and several Boats have been passing to and from the French Ship which still lyes a little to the Northward of the Black Town.

This morning a Sail was seen to the Northward under Moors Colours and by her Course seemed to intend for this Road but about Eleven oClock being abreast of the French Ship tho' at a considerable distance the latter Fired a Gun upon which the Sloop brought too, and too [*sic*] Boats were dispatched from the Ship to the Sloop about twelve they got on board and in the afternoon brought her in and Anchored close to the Ship.

As the Treasure Door might happen to be burst open by Shot or Shells and the Treasure be exposed to pilferage before any Remedy could be applied therefore to guard against an Accident of that kind, it is judged proper to put all the coined Pagodas into the Companys Cash Chest in the Fort House under the Charge of the President as Cash keeper and all the Rupees and uncoined Gold into Chests in the Fort House under the Charge of the Committee of Treasury, and the same is done accordingly.

The Governour and Principal Officers having considered the Situation of the Batteries which, according to the Intelligence received, the Enemy are erecting; Are of Opinion that the most necessary Work to be done at present is to erect Traverses on, and to raise the Parapets of the Royal Bastion, and at the same time or as soon as a sufficient Number of Workmen can be Spared, to close the Opening between the Northwest Curtain and the Blind before the Mint Sally Port, and also to erect a Traverse in the Covered way before the North Face of the Royal Bastion. At the same time they Considered of proper

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Places for Quartering the Soldiers during the Siege and Settled the following Quarter Bill Vizt.

Under the South Curtain	Soldiers	150
Under the North Curtain		100
Bomb proof shed under the S. Wt. Curtain ...		100
Under the Sea Gate on the South Side ...		100
Under the Sea Gate on the North Side ...		100
In a Godown belonging to Mr. Mackay ...		100
Sally Ports of the Western Curtains ...		50
		700

Ten thousand Pagodas packed in ten Bags and these put into two Sacks of Paddy were sent away this Evening [after] dark by Boat to Sadrass directed to the Chief their, [*sic*] with a Letter directed to him in Dutch desiring him to deliver the money to Mr. Smith our Resident there, the Boat People were instructed in case they Should be visited by any Boats in the Passage to say they came to Pulicat. This money is intended for Chingleput to enable Captain Preston to make good the engagement with Meer Munsoor, to pay his Garrison and Supply Usoff Cawn if he should want it Letters were wrote by this occasion as in the Appendix Vizt.

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The Intelligence received this day is from Hircarrahs. One gives an Account that the Enemy have erected a Battery near the sea Side and are at Work upon three others, one near Tomby Chitty's House, one behind the Tombs of the Burying Ground, and one behind the Hospital near Sumpetrow's House. That they have made a Barricade and Breast Work in the Street facing the new Hospital near the Small upper roomed House. That he saw too [*sic*] Guns and two Mortars lying near Tomby Chitty's House and two Guns near Sumpetrow's House. Another Reports that the Battery near Tomby Chitty's House is finished, and the Guns were lying ready near it. That they are making another behind the Hospital near Sumpetrous House. That to day at Noon he saw too [*sic*] large Mortars brought up. That their Troops are divided half in Peddenagues Pettah and half in Mutal Pettah. That he saw two or three Companys of Seapoys detach'd, as they said, for Conjeveram having two Officers with them. That he was last night in Chindadre Pettah where he did not see any Body but Passengers on the Road to and from St. Thome, That he hear'd Several Elephants and Camels were sent to Pondicherry to bring Stores and Ammunition.

This Night about Nine oClock the Key Serjeant of St. Georges Gate deserted to the Enemy, upon which the Parole & Countersign were changed and other proper dispositions made to prevent any Advantage the Enemy might reap from the Intelligence he may give them.

The Several Returns are delivered in this day being the 14th. since the Place was Invested. See the Appendix Vizt.

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Tuesday 26th.—Our fire last Night as usual, no alterations is observed in the Enemys Parallel.

This forenoon a small Sloop passed by at a great distance without Shewing any Colours.

Nothing Material happened in the Course of this day.

In order to Secure the Fort House from Bombs the Governour ordered a tier of the Companys Wollen Bales to be laid on each Wing and two tier of Bundles of Rattans belonging to himself to be laid on the Centre.

The Intelligence received this day is from a Man who came in this morning from St. Thomé with an Account that two large Mortars drawn by Sixty Bullocks each, which were brought to St. Thomé on Cattamarans, set out from thence at one in the morning and he accompany'd them as far as the passing of the River between the Garden House and Turings where he left them at five. That he heared two large Guns were brought also as far as Condalore. That he Work'd two days upon a Battery the Enemy are making just on this side Sunca Ramahs new House behind the Burying Ground and the day before Yesterday was forced to carry wounded Men to St. Thomé, That a Serjeant and Eleven Men were carried that day and he says the Number of Sick & Wounded there is above 200. That he saw Preparations for another Battery in Sumpetrows Street. That they employ the Blacks to bring the Earth &c.a. for erecting their Batterys but it is only Europeans that receive and place the Materials, That while the Work is low they carry it on in the day, but when it rises high, only in the Night.

This Night about Nine oClock a Hircarrah arrived and brought a Letter from Capt. Preston at Chingleput and two from Ussoff Cawn by which We have the pleasure to find that Ussoff Cawn was advancing this way and purposed being at Atchaveram which is within a few Miles of Chingleput the 23d. See the Letters in the Appendix Vizt.

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The Desertion of the Key Serjeant having made it necessary to alter the disposition of the Guards a Return of them as they are now dispossed may be seen in the Appendix No. 80.

Wednesday 27th.—The Enemy's Parallel seems to have been much deepened within these few Nights tho but little lengthened.

This morning dispatched a letter to Captain Preston and another to Usoff Cawn in Triplicates directing the former to leave a Subaltern with 6 or 8 Gunners and 4 Companys of Seapoys in Chingleput and with the rest of his Garrison to join Usoff Cawn, and advance to the Mount, And to the same Effect to Usoff Cawn promising to send them further Instructions for their Conduct. See the Letters in the Appendix.

To Captain Preston	...	...	...	...	...	No. 81
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	82

The Governour, Coll. Lawrence and the Field Officers having Considered of a Plan of Action to be executed in Conjuntion with Usoff Cawn resolved on the following unless any Motions of the Enemy or other Circumstances shall make it proper to charge [*sic*] the disposition Vizt.

That Usoff Cawn, the very next morning after his Arrival, Attack St. Thomé to the Southward and Westward by breake of day. That at the same time, a detachment be made from this Garrison of One hundred Europeans, One Thousand Seapoys and all the Black Horse being about Fifty, that One half of this Party take Post at the Garden House and remain there to be ready to act as occasion may require, and the other half advance along the Sea side towards St. Thomé

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and make an Attack on the North Side to distract the Enemy's Force. That Ussoff Cawn take with him to the Attack of S^{t}. Thome all his Infantry and as many of his Horse as he shall think necessary and Detach the rest to lye upon Choultry Plain near the Seapoy Choultry to observe the Enemy's Motions and take any advantage that may Offer over them. Should Usoff Cawn succeed in his attack at S^{t}. Thome and Oblige them to abandone that Post in which case their Retreat must be across that Plain. That the whole Garrison be put under Arms and be ready to take advantage of the Enemys Motions should they make any Detachment to Succour their Post at S^{t}. Thomé and to keep them in Alarm at their Head Quarters. That Usoff Cawn be directed if he should Succeed, at S^{t}. Thomé, to leave all the Chingleput Europeans in the Fort there with 4 Companys of Seapoys and Fifty Horse and with the rest advanced and Post his Infantry at Trivitashium and send his Cavalry to join the Detachment Posted on Choultry plain, and that the part of the Detachment from this Garrison ordered to advance by the Sea side to S^{t}. Thomé return and join the other Part at the Garden. That as a Mark by which Usoff Cawns People and ours may distinguish each other from the Enemy, they wear a green bough in their Hats or Turbans. That the Hircarrah to be sent with this plan to Usoff Cawn be Instructed to tell him to make the following Signals upon Receit of the Letter by which he may know he has received it and will proceed upon the enterprize accordingly Viz^{t}. If in the day time to make a smoak with wet Straw in three different places upon the Mount. And if in the night to make three Fires.

At Noon received a Letter from Captain Preston at Chingleput advising that Usoff Cawn joined him there the 25th. See the Appendix N^{o}. 83.

In the Evening Letters were dispatched to Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn in Consequence of the foregoing Resolution. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston .. .. N^{o}. 84
To Usoff Cawn 85

About One oClock a Party of the Enemys Infantry (about 80) were seen crossing the Plain from Egmore towards the Black Town, about the same time several Partys of Horse, European and Black, crossed towards Egmore, and a Hircarrah Reports that he saw them filing off towards the Mount.

Received this day two Letters from M^{r}. Brooke at Pulicat, in which he writes that a Pattamar arrived there with Letters for this Presidency from Bombay, which Place he left the 19 November, that he has not forwarded the Packet lest it should be intercept[ed] and desires orders on that Head, in another he mentions that it is reported a French Frigate is arrived at Pondicherry from the Islands with News that Six French Men of War are arrived there and joined M^{r}. D'Apaké and that they may all be expected here in a fortnight to the Number of 16 Sail, the rest contains the reports of the Enemys Strength and motions which in some Instances Agree with our other Intelligence.

In the Evening a Letter was dispatched to M^{r}. Brooke with Instructions to take Copies of the General Letters and forward the Originals by Cattamaran.

At ten OClock at Night a Cattamaran arrived from Pulicat with a Letter from M^{r}. Brooke enclosing a Protest from the Baron Van Eck the Chief of that Settlement on Account of the Detention of the Dutch Brigantine. See the Appendix Viz^{t}.

From M^{r}. Brooke ... ... N^{o}. 86
Baron Van Ecks protest (Translation) 87

Thursday 28th.—Part of the Enemys Battery near Sumpetrows House is now visible as well as their Barracade across the Street in Peddanagues Pettah opposite the Bridge, Our Fire last Night was directed to these as well as their Works by the sea side, Tomby Chittys House & the Burying

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Ground and in the forenoon a brisk fire was kept upon that near Sumpetrows House which seems to be intended for a Principal Battery against the North West face of the Royal Bastion and to Enfilade the Covered way of the North Front of the Town.

The Key Serjeant who deserted the 25th. having defrauded several of his Comrades of money Particularly one Richard Heasmen (Who was Servant to Capt Smith late of his Magestys Ship Bridgewater) of 808 Pagodas, As it is contrary to the Rules of War to protect Thieves and Robbers the Governour wrote to Mr. Lally on the Subject and sent him the Proofs of his Frauds. See the Letter in the Appendix N 88.

This morning received a Letter from Mr. Smith at Sadrass dated the 26 and one from Captn Preston at Chingleput dated the 21st. both by the same Cattamaran Mr. Smith acknowledges the Receit of the 10000 Pagodas sent him by Boat the 25 and Captn. Preston advices that upon Intelligence of an Escort of the Enemy Passing to Pondicherry with the English Prisoners taken the 14 he marched with a Part of his Garrison to intercept them, but unfortunately was a little too late. See the Letters in the Appendix Vizt.

From Captain Preston	No. 89
From Mr. Smith	90

At night received two Letters from Usoff Cawn advising of his March this way that he expects to be joined by Captain Preston with his Troops and four Guns and to advance as far as Vendeloor by this day. See the Letters in the Appendix No. 91 & 92.

The Intelligence received this day is as follows a Hircarrah from St. Thome gives an Account that the Enemys force there consists of about 200 Europeans Foot 60 or 70 European Horse and above 100 Black Horse with two or three Companys of Seapoys. That they yesterday sent off several Guns from thence to the Black Town and their remains at St. Thomé one large Transporting Carriage and seven Small ones. That he passed thro Trivitashum, by Turings House and thro Chindadre Pettah and saw nothing at either of those places, in Front of Turings House he saw Parcells, Bales and Bundles which seems to be the Effects Plundered from the Black Town which they carry off by that Road. Another Hircarrah came with an account that he was Seized by some of the French Seapoys and carried to St. Thomé to do Cooley Work. That he was employed in bringing 7 Mortars from St. Thomé to the Black Town last night. That he was immediately sent Back to St. Thome and returned to day at Noon with two Guns. That the two Guns and four of the Mortars were brought to the Battery in Sumpentrows Street but are not yet mounted on the Battery, and the other three Mortars carried to Muttal Pettah. That at St. Thomé he saw 50 or 60 European Horse and two or three Companys of Seapoys by the Bungalo a few Black Horse in the Several Streets and he heared there was some Europeans, Foot, in the White Town. That both at St. Thome and the Black he heared of Usoff Cawns arrival at Chingleput and that orders were given for Buzzars to be ready to move at a Moments warning and that he saw all their Black Horse Posted from Trivitasham upon the Choultry plain and about Egmore. Another brings the following Account from St. Thomé. That he saw about 100 Black Horse in the Buzzar Street and two or three Company of Seapoys, the Europeans being within the White Town he cannot tell their Number. That about four oClock he saw them moving, some sick from St. Thomé towards the black Town and upon his asking the Reason was told they were to be sent to Pondicherry in the Ship. That yesterday afternoon their Troopers and Black Horse were sent to the Choultry Plain, staid there all Night and this morning the Troopers went back to the Black Town and this Evening were sent out again. That to-day at Noon he was at Turings Garden where he saw a large Buzzar of Plundered Goods, and only five or six European Horse & as many Seapoys to guard them. In the Night another Hircarrah came in with an Account that three Companys of Seapoys and 100 Black Horse were

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sent from the Black Town about an hour after Sun set that he accompanyed them as far as Chindadre Pettah and was told they were going to the Choultry plain that he heared three Companys of Soldiers and three Compa^{ys} of Seapoys had been sent the day before with a Part of their Black Horse, but of this he saw nothing.

In the afternoon about twenty Cotts with Men on them (supposed to be part of the Enemys Sick and wounded, from St. Thomé) were seen crossing the plain from Egmore towards the Black Town, with some foot Soldiers.

Friday 29th.—This morning early We had the pleasure to see a Red Flag flying upon the Mount, the Signal Usoff Cawn was advised to make upon his arrival there.

No great Alterations is observed in the Enemys Works as they are chiefly under cover.

This morning dispatched a Letter to Capt Preston and one to Usoff Cawn acquainting them that We see their Signals, and when We observe that Appointed to be made in the Letter of the 27th. as a Notice that they are ready to execute the proposed plan. We shall act accordingly See the Letters in the Appendix.

To Captain Preston	...	...	...	...	...	No. 93
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	94

Some time after the dispatch of the forementioned Letters, One was received from Captn. Preston dated at Vendeloor the 28 Decembr. advising that he has joined Usoff Cawn and two from Usoff Cawn to the same effect, See the Appendix.

From Captn. Preston	...	...	...	...	...	No. 95
From Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	96
Do.	...	...	...	...	...	97

Three Thousand Pagodas are advanced the Paymaster, and ten Thousand three hundred Pagodas to the Military Paymaster.

Two Hircarrahs who brought the Letters from Captn. Preston & Usoff Cawn at Vendeloor report that they saw a great Number of Black Troops of the Enemys both Horse and Seapoys posted upon Choultry Plain and extending from the White Choultry to Egmore and that there were a few Europeans with them.

From the Church Steeple it was observed just before Dusk that an Officer with 25 European Horse went across from the Black Town towards Egmore and that two Guns and Tumbrils which were at Egmore were drawn away towards the Black Town. That some Sleepers and Planks for platforms were carried to the Battery near the Sea side.

Saturday the 30th.—Several Persons were appointed to watch all last Night for Usoff Cawns Signals appointed the 27th. for executing the proposed Plan, but no Signal was observed.

This morning the Boat which was dispatched to Sadras the 25th. with money returned and brought the following Letters.

From Mr. Chas. Smith Copies of all his Letters from the 10th. to the 27 Decemr. the Originals whereoff (except one of the 26th.) have Miscarried, they contain nothing Material that has not already been taken Notice of in this Journal except that Monsr. Lambert arrived at Sadras the 22d. with 25 Europeans and 3 or 400 Seapoys. That the 18th. in the morning 20000 Rupees were sent from thence to the French Camp. That Mr. Dawson has two Centries placed over him at Pondicherry, is denied the use of Pen Ink and Paper and no one [is] permitted to Speak to him.

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A Letter from Captain Preston of the 27th. December mentions the arrival ot Lambert at Carangoly with 25 Europeans 400 Seapoys and two Field pieces and that Raza Saib is at Wandewash. See the Appendix N°. 98.

A Letter from Major Callaud dated at Tranquebar the 6th. December advising his arrival there and that he intends to proceed directly to Tanjour. See the Appendix N°. 99.

A Letter from Capt Joseph Smith at Trichenopoly dated the 5th. December with an account of the Revenues of Trichinopoly.

A Parcell of Letters from the French Camp to Pondicherry was intercepted this morning amongst them are two which contain advices worthy of Notice, one of them is from Mr. De Chambois 1st. Aid de Camp to Mr. Lally to the Council of Pondichery wherein he gives an Account of the Force that Mons. Lambert took with him and what Detachments have since been made to reinforce him, amounting in the Whole to Seven hundred Seapoys, 200 Black Horse, 80 Europeans and Topasses, 2 Companys, & 25 Dragons and two Guns, and that Razasaib is to join Lambert at an appointed place with all his Force, he also Speaks in Strong terms of their want of money. The other Letter is from one Montange, an Officer, to his Friends at Pondicherry, in which he gives a pretty clear account of the Sally of the 14th. and makes their Loss amount to 220 Men killed & Wounded of which 30 Officers. Another Letter from a German Officer mentions, that they had 140 Men killed amongst which [*sic*] 6 Officers, and 40 Officers wounded.

This Afternoon a Flag of Truce was sent by Mr. Lally with a Letter for the Governour in Answer to his of the 28th. telling him that he has ordered Mr. De Leyrit to enquire into the Theft the deserter Harley is accused of, complaining that his Head Quarters are fired at, and threathing [*sic*] distruction to the Innocent Inhabitants. See the Letter in the Appendix N°. 100.

At Nine oClock at Night Received a Letter from Capt Preston and one from Usoff Cawn at the Mount giving an Account of a Skirmish they have had with an advanced party of the Enemy in which the Advantage was on our side the Enemy having lost 2 Pieces of Cannon and 15 Europeans killed on the Spot, on our side only one European fell and some Horse and Seapoys wounded. See the Letters in the Appendix.

From Captn. Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N°. 101
From Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	102

Upon Receipt of the abovementioned Advices Letters were immediately dispatched by Hircars to Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn as ℔ Appendix.

To Capt. Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N°. 103
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	104

Ten of the Enemys Boats being observed to lye off of St. Thomé supposed to be loaded with Ammunition and intended to pass the Road in the night to land their Charge at the Black Town it was Resolved to embark twenty European Military and as many Seapoys in five Boats to lay in a Line across the Road in order to intercept the Enemys Boats, should that attempt to Pass, the Party was accordingly embarked about 8 oClock at Night under the Command of Lieut Meyers assisted by Ensign Bellingham and returned again at one in the morning without having seen any thing of the Enemy.

The intelligence received this day is as follows A Hircarrah from St. Thomé gives an Account that the Enemy have withdrawn the greatest Part of their People from thence that he was there yesterday at 2 oClock in the Afternoon passed thro the White Town and up to the Bungalo and is sure there was not more than 50 Soldiers left with about 100 Black Horse. Another Hircarrah says that the Enemy have an advanced Party at Marmelon Brooke consisting of about 50 Europeans 100 Black Horse and 100 Seapoys, that they have another Party of about 100 or 150 Europeans upon Choultry Plain near Mackays House with 100

Black Horse 100 Seapoys and two Guns, that at S$^{t.}$ Thome about 5 in the Afternoon he saw heaps of Baggage Bales, and Parcells Packed and lying ready to be sent off, That he also saw there about 100 Troopers and 10) Seapoys but no foot Soldiers. That the whole Town was in Alarm expecting to be attacked by the Enemy from the Mount, and he heared that the Enemy intended to abandon that Place. Another Hircarrah who was Stationed all day yesterday near Turing's House says that between 8 & 9 oClock in the morning he saw about 200 Seapoys and 200 Black Horse come upon Choultry Plain from Egmore or the Black Town, that he judged there were about 30 or 40 Europeans at Turing's House, The [*sic*] he heared the greatest part of the Enemys Forces from S$^{t.}$ Thome were come to the Choultry Plain and he saw great Quantitys of Baggage of all kinds carried across toward the black Town. Another Hircarrah says that he was at Marmelon and this morning he saw fifteen of the Enemys Troopers carried off wounded. Another was dispatched at One oClock this morning with Letters from Usoff Cawn, but was taken by the French, he however found means to destroy the Letters and make his Escape, he says he saw a french Officer and several wounded Men carried into the Black Town this morning, and this Evening he saw a Party of European Horse go from the Black Town to the Southward. other Hircarrahs give an Account of the Action at the Mount this morning between the Enemy and Usoff Cawn.

Sunday 31st.—A Constant Watch was kept all Last Night for Usoff Cawn's Signal, but nothing was observed.

The Enemys Boats which the party was sent off last Night to intercept appear still at S$^{t.}$ Thome ashore upon the Point.

In order to Alarm the Enemy and prevent their detaching too large a Force to oppose Usoff Cawn, this morning by break of day a Sortie was made to the Southward with one Company of Granadiers. The Troop of Horse and a thousand Seapoys, Capt$^{n.}$ Beaver Commanded the Party, the intention was to surprise or drive away the Guards from the Fishing Town just on the other side the bar, at Triplicane and the Garden House. The Party accordingly passed thro all those places without the least opposition the Enemy having withdrawn from those Posts leaving only a few Seapoys Centries at the Garden House about 8 oClock the party returned having intercepted a Parcell of Letters from Pondichery to Officers in the French Camp the most material Articles of Intelligence gained from them are.

That a Frigate (La Fidelle) is arrived at Pondicherry from the Islands and has brought 70 Chests of Treasure and is to return immediately to the Islands. That the Bristol is also arrived at Pondichery. That besides the Harlem (the French Ship lying off the black Town) a Frigate is coming with cannon and Stores for the Siege. That they are in want of Boats to bring their Ammunition having only five that are Serviceable left at Pondicherry the 25$^{th.}$ but that they expected the return of those which had been sent to S$^{t.}$ Thomé. M$^{r.}$ Boyellean [*sic*] (one of the Council of Pondichery) writes thus to M$^{r.}$ Chevreau the 26 "We have "heared with pleasure of the arrival of the Harlem and of her having taken a small "prize so now you are provided with heavy cannon and a profusion of money" and in the same Letter. "It is said here you have sent to borrow money at Puli-"cat, your success is doubted and it is thought you would have done better to "demand it by open Force upon Title of Contribution. pretences seem not to be "wanting and even Solid Reasons." M$^{r.}$ Boyellean writes thus to M$^{r.}$ DuSaussay "I am surprized at your uneasiness, is it that you see further than me? for "here our Affairs seem to be in the most pleasing and promising Situation, money "in abundance by the arrival of the Frigate, heavy cannon from the Harlem, our "Northern Affairs reestablished, and Mazulipatam in safety since it is assured "that above three [*sic*] Men have rejoined M$^{r.}$ deConflans." M$^{r.}$ Delarche advises

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Mr. Lally (Brigadier, the Generals Nephew) to put a hundred men on board the Harlem to prevent any English Vessell being placed between Coblon and St Thomé to cut off the passage of the Boats, and adds that he shall send 4000 Rupees by Mr. Delatour Captain of Dragoons who is to set out the 27 in the morning for Madrass. Mr. Faure writes to Mr. Lally the Brigadier, that the Captain of a Sloop from Mazulipatam is just come ashore and brings advice that Mr. deConflans was there with 387 Europeans including the Wounded. Mr. de Bausset (one of the Council at Pondichery) writes to Mr. deTumelle the 25 December thus,—"All the Chalingas and Embarkations that are here and on the Coast "would not be sufficient to transport the Ammunition and Effects which Mr. Lally "demands. You may be perswaded that I shall be very happy if you can meet "with an Opportunity of getting something and if I can contribute to it you may "depend upon me." There is a Letter from the same Mr. Bausset to Baron Van Eck chief of Pulicat desiring him to furnish Mr. deTumelle with Chelingas. Mr. deSolminihac writes to Mr. Cossigny the 25 December That the King of Tanjour has released Colonel Kennedy, the Jesuit and the other Hostages, and that they are all at Karical. There is also a Letter from Port lé [*sic*] Orient of the 5 March 1758 which has this passage. No Vessell has sailed from hence since the Momartelle, it is a Month since this first Division was to have gone but the Weather has been much as it was at the time of your Departure.

At Noon a Letter from the Governour to Mr. Lally was sent out by a Flag of Truce in answer to that received from him yesterday. See the Appendix N 105.

In the Afternoon a large Ship passed by the Road to the Southward but at such a distance that her Colours could not well be distinguished.

Two Letters dispatched by Hircarrs to Captain Preston & Usoff Cawn. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston	...	...	...	...	...	No. 106
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	107

Two Letters received One from Balazarow, the other from Tondaman. See the Appendix.

From Balazarow	...	...	...	...	...	No. 108
From Tondaman	...	...	...	...	...	109

The Intelligence received this day is from a Hircarrah sent towards St. Thome to see whether any Stores were landed from the Enemys Boats, and he reports that nothing has been landed from them. That he pased thro' St. Thomé where he did not see any of the Enemys People. That all the Troops which were there are posted on the Choultry Plain extended as far as Egmore and this morning upon the Sortie from this Garrison they were all under arms. That he crossed the River to the other side of St. Thomé and saw Numbers of Cooleys going to the Southward with Furniture parcells of Goods and other Plunder.

The French Boats which in the morning early were upon the Beach, upon our Sortie put out into the Road where they are still lying it is therefore resolved to embark a Party this Evening in the same manner as last Night to endeavour to intercept them.

Monday the 1st January 1759.—The Party Embarked last Night to intercept the French Boats returned without Success and this morning the Boats were seen upon the Beach at St. Thomé.

Our Fire upon the Enemys works has been kept up briskly every night, their Work by Sumpetrous Street which is judged to be a principal Battery seems far advanced, several openings appear which by their form are judged to be Embrazures. Their Work by the sea side which was judged at first to be the begining of a

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Parallel is now supposed to be a Battery but nothing more can be discovered from the Fort than a Mound of Earth.

Last Night arrived a Boat from Sadras and brought the following Letters.

One from M^r. Smith Resident at Sadrass advising among other things that a Party of the Enemy Consisting of 20 Foot 40 Troopers and some Seapoys are thier [*sic*] waiting to be reinforced when they are to escort to the Enemys Camp a large Quantity of Powder & Ammunition which is lodged there. See the Letter in the Appendix N°. 110.

A Letter from M^r. Vermont Governour of Negapatam of the 14 December to the Governour acknowledging his of the 30 November and promising all the Assistance in his power to Major Caillaud.

A Letter from M^r. Bodle Resident at Negapat^m of the 14 December advising that a Moors Vessell from the Nicobars brings an Account that 12 English Ships were there waiting the proper Season to come to the Coast.

Last Night a Cattamaran arrived from Pulicat with a Packet from M^r. Brooke Resident there containing Copies of the Advices from Bombay mentioned in this Journal the 27. Ultimo by which We learn that the long expected Grafton & Sunderland and the six China Ships with the Reinforcements for this Coast arrived at Bombay the 15^th. November the Letters are dated the 18^th. November When M^r. Pocock's Squadron had not yet appeared.

The Governour thinking that the News of the expected Succours being gone to Bombay instead of coming here might dispirit the Garrison if it were made Publick, resolved not to make known the Contents of the Bombay Letters to any but the Field Officers, but to Publick [*sic*] M^r. Bodles advices of the 12 Ships at the Nicobars.

This Morning early received a Letter from Capt. Preston and one from Usoff Cawn advising of their being at Trevembore a Village about two Miles to the Southward of S^t. Thomé, wherein they mention the difficulty they are under in procureing provisions for their People and the latter writes that the Allied Troops grow discontented and he refers to the Hircar Shack Ismael for further particulars. See the Letters in the Appendix

From Capt Preston	... ...	N°. 111
From Usoff Cawn	... ...	112

Shack Ismael says that Usoff Cawn is of Opinion that the taking of S^t. Thome will be of little Use nor can he find Provisions for his People there, He therefore proposes, if We have no particular View or Plan of joint enterprize that his Army be employed in making a large Circle round the Enemy and cutting off all thier Supplies, in that case he will endeavour to take Poonemallee & Terposore and keep Patrols constantly from those Posts to cut off all the Roads both Northward & Southward by this means he thinks his Army may be subsisted and the Enemy be put to difficulties for Subsisting theirs.

The foregoing plan being approved by the Govern^r. and the Filld [*sic*] Officers, Letters were dispatched at Noon in Consequence to Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn by Cattamaran to Trivambore with a supply of Ten thousand Pagodas, promising to send them another Supply of 10,000 more in the Evening, and disiring them upon Reciet of the first to give Notice by a Smoke from the Top of Trivambore Pagoda as a Signal. about five oClock in the Afternoon We had the pleasure to observe the Signal appointed and at Dusk another Cattamaran was dispatched with other advices and the promised 10,000 Pagodas. See the Letters in the Appendix.

1^st. Letter to Captain Preston	... ...	N°. 113
1^st. Letter to Usoff Cawn ...	... ...	114
2^d. Letter to Captain Preston	... ...	115
2^d. Letter to Usoff Cawn ...	... ...	116

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INTELLIGENCE.—Two Hircarrahs who were sent away at 11 last night with orders to return immediately came with an Account that they went first to Chindadre Pettah and at the Pagoda there they saw a Seapoy Guard, from thence they went to the Garden House where also they saw a Seapoy Guard and Centry but no Europeans from thence they went down to the River side near to Turings Garden, and by the Beetle Garden to Trivitashium & passed through the North Street looked into the Choultry and examined all round but saw no body, from thence they went down the high road leading to Steevens's Garden passed by the Front of that House directly to the Bar and saw a small Seapoy Guard beyond the Hutts, from the Bar they returned by the River side passed by the end of the Garden House Bridge and proceeded again to Chindadre Pettah from whence they returned to the Fort At Mr. Powneys Garden and the Bridge they saw nobody. They saw the Lights of the Enemys Camp extending from the Washing Place behind Munro's Garden up to Egmore.

This being the 21st. day of the Siege the following Weekly Reports are delivered in. See the Appendix.

General Return of the Garrison	N°.	117
General Acct. of Provisions expended & remaing. since the 25 to this day inclusve.		118
General Return of Military Stores expended and remaing. since the 25 to this day inclusive		119
Return of the Hospital from the 25 to this day inclusive ...		120

Tuesday the 2d.—In the Night two Letters were received from Usoff Cawn, the first advising his arrival at Trivambore and that had posted Guards along the sea side, the other acknowledging the receit of ten thousand Pagodas. See the Appendix N°. 121 & N°. 122.

This morning by break of day the Enemy began to Fire from a Battery of Cannon opening Six Embrazures Situated a little to the Northward of the old Hospital in an alignment with the North face of the Covered way before the Royal Bastion and consequently intended to infilade that Bastion and the covered way before it as well as to battar the Parapet of the West Flank of the Demy Bastion. This Battery has also one or two Mortars near it, and being the Work of the Lorrain Regiment quartered in Peddanagues Pettah, shall henceforward be distingueshed by the name of the Lorrain Battery. They also at the same time began to throw large Shells from four or five Mortars, lodged behind the West End of the Epaulment which they had formed to the Northward from the sea side (and which is beforementioned in this Journal as an Intended Parallel) about 300 feet in length, and Four hundred and fifty Yards from the Salient Angle of the Covered way before the Demy Bastion. As We had near 12 Pieces which fired on the Enemys Western Battery it was soon silenced and two of their Guns knocked to pieces. from their Mortar Battery they continued throwing Shells till near eight at Night and then left off having thrown in the whole about 70 or 80 most of them 13 Inch Shells, without killing one person and only Slightly wounded two or three. Most of the Shells were directed at the Houses and a great many at the Governours Quarters in the Fort House two fell on it and broke thro the first Terras and twelve or thirteen others fell in or upon the Buildings of the inner Fort.

The Intelligence brought in this day by Hircarrahs was confirmed at ten oClock at Night by the Receit of Letters from Capt. Preston and Usoff Cawn giving an Account that in the Morning by break of day they were attacked by the Enemy whose Force consisted of at least 400 European Foot besides Horse, the Advantage at first was on the Enemys side, but they were soon repulsed leaving two Officers and 30 Europeans dead on the Spot. Captain Preston in a Letter of yesterday received at the same time as the above, mentions that he has received

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Intelligence that the French have taken Sadrass, M^r. de la Tour under pretence of reviewing his Command took an opportunity of seizing upon the Centries and Arms of the Garrison and made every body in it Prisoners. See the Letters in the Appendix.

From Captain Preston dated the	1^st.	...	N^o. 123
From D^o.	2^d.	...	... 124
From Usoff Cawn	2^d.	...	... 125

Five Deserters came in this Day from the Enemy some of them were in the Action with Usoff Cawn this morning and agree that the Enemy have suffered very considerably and that many fell on our side also.

Wednesday the 3^d.—The Enemy have not fired one Shot or Shell since Eight oClock last Night to the end of this day. in the morning it was observed that the Enemy had closed the Embrazures of their Western (or Lorrain) Battery which had been much disordered by our Fire yesterday in order as it is supposed to repair them and wait the Arrival of more Cannon or the opening of another Battery to support the Fire of that, it is imagined that they are not yet ready to begin their Attack and that the Fire of yesterday was only intended to amuse Us while they detached a part of their Force to Attack Usoff Cawn. The Deserters say their Battery to the Northward is to consist of twenty *Bouches à feu* Cannon and Mortars and another behind the Burying Ground of 8 Pieces.

A Letter was dispatched this Evening to M^r. Brooke at Pulicat advising him of the Intelligence received from Capt. Preston of the Surprising of Sadras by M^r. De la Tour directing him to communicate the same to the Baron Van Eck as well as the passage in the intercepted Letter from M^r. Boyelleau quoted in this Journal the 31^st. Ult. See the Letter in the Appendix N^o. 126.

Dispatched two Letters One to Capt. Preston and One to Usoff Cawn Congratulating them on their Success and advising them when they move to Vendalour to throw up an Entrenchment & Breast Work to Secure their Camp from any Sudden Surprize. See the Appendix.

To Capt. Preston	...	...	...	N 127
To Usoff Cawn ...	...	...	...	... 128

Every thing has seemed remarkably quiet in the Black Town this day, few of the Enemy have appeared on their Works or about the Streets, several Partys of thier [*sic*] Horse European & Country have observed to cross the plain from Egmore towards their Camp in the Black Town, several of their Boats set out from S^t. Thomé for the Southward.

The Intelligence received this day is as follows.

A Hircarrah who was last Night in the Black Town says that he Slept there, that about 3 oClock in the morning a Party of the Enemy he thinks about three hundred Foot, and two hundred Horse, and a Braminy named Rangopunt with some Black Horse and Seapoys marched out and he went With them as far as Turings Garden. That at their Battery yesterday two Guns were rendered useless and about fifty Men killed and wounded in different parts of the Black Town That about 100 Europeans and some Blacks from Nellour joined the French Army which he heared were the People that were saved after the Battle with the Rajah to the Northward. In the afternoon Mahomed Azam a Considerable Merchant of S^t. Thomé came from thence, He says that for the last four days, the French have kept a hundred European Horse, a hundred European Foot and two Companys of Seapoys there. That the Battle fought yesterday at Trivembore was a very Sharp one and the Loss of the Enemy great. That this morning a very large Detachment from the Enemy marched towards the Mount, He heard of this from good Hands but the Detachment did not pass thro' S^t. Thome. He came from S^t. Thome by the way of the sea Side and saw not a Single Guard or Centinel. He further

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says that S$^{t.}$ Thome is given to the managem$^{t.}$ of Padre Antonió who has hoisted Portuguese Colours, That Ramatulla Cawn Vackeel of Balazarow at Pondiche[r]y accompanys M$^{r.}$ Lally, and lived in this Merchants House at S$^{t.}$ Thome untill three days ago when he went away to the Black Town upon the approach of Usoff Cawn. This Mahomed Azam is returned to S$^{t.}$ Thomé and has promised to send Accounts of what passes.

This Evening a small Vessell was seen coming from the Northward a Cattamaran was immediately dispatched with a Letter to the Commander informing him of our Situation and desiring him to Anchor close in between the Sea Gate and Southermost Bastion the French Ship lying off the Black Town hoisted English Colours, night coming on before the Cattamaran could reach the Vessell, lights were hung out on the Flag Staff and many Shot & Shells fired at the Enemys Quarters to warn the Vessell that the Town was bessieged and that the Enemy lay to the Northward hoping thereby to prevent her falling in their hands, at ten oClock at Night the Cattamaran returned not having been able to reach the Vessell.

Thursday the 4$^{th.}$—This morning We had the Mortification to see the Vessell a small Sloop which appeared last Night in the offing Anchored close by the French Ship.

This morning four Embrazures at the Lorrain Battery appeared open and Guns mounted, We fired briskly at them for some time upon which they thought proper to draw in their Guns without Firing a Shot, and closed up the Embrazures. Their Work by the sea side seems to be in great forwardness.

All the Cooleys & Working People that can be collected have been constantly and are still employed in the Fortifications, in securing places for the Soldiers off of Duty, the Hospital and other places.

Nothing remarkable has happed [*sic*] this day. no Letters have been received or sent.

Four thousand Rupees advanced the Governour for presents to Hircarrahs, Spies and other Secret Services and twelve hundred Pagodas to the Military Storekeeper to pay for Gunpowder made & delivered before the Siege.

At Noon came in a Hircarrah who was sent last Night to remain at the pass of Marmelon Brooke he stayed there till 8 oClock this morning and saw nothing go or come except Cooleys & Carts with Firewood Straw &c$^{a.}$ for the French Camp. He heared a Report from some that Usoff Cawns Camp was moved to Covelon, from others that he was gone to Wendalour. He saw very few People near the Garden House and the Camp which was at Turings Garden has moved further Northward towards Egmore.

Friday 5$^{th.}$—This morning the Enemy had Seven Embrazures open at their Battery by the sea side but they closed them again upon our firing.

Twenty Boats went this day from S$^{t.}$ Thomé to the Southward.

Nothing rema[r]kable happened this day.

In the Evening on the Engineers representing that a Battery of four or five pieces mounted on the covered way before the Saliant angle of the Demy Bastion would be of great Use against the Enemys North Battery by the sea side it is ordered to be executed with all Expedition and a Working Party is accordingly appointed to set about it this Night. The Guns on this Battery are to fire thro' Embrazures opened in the glacis which is to serve as a Parapet, The Fire consequently will be low and Grazing, and as the Parapet cannot be ruined must greatly incommode the Enemy.

INTELLIGENCE.—At seven in the morning the Hircarrah who went to Capt. Preston & Usoff Cawn with the Letter of the 3$^{d.}$ returned this morning without any Letter he says he dilivered those he was charged with about Nine yesterday

morning when the Camp was at Wendalour but they moved an hour after towards Condangalatour Capt Preston and Usoff Cawn ordered him to go to Tribambour and send away three of our Men who were wounded in the Action and left behind when the Army moved. He went there accordingly and found one European and one Black whom he sent away and accompanyed them himself as far as the Mount. He heared that the French had sent some People before and carried away five or Six of their own wounded and two of ours. Coming from the Mount to Town he saw nothing extraordinary. At ten in the Morning a Man came in from the French Camp and reports that they had sent a large Detachment to make a third attack upon Usoff Cawn, but hearing he was moved further off they returned. He heared that Muzeher Beg and other Black Forces were ordered last Night to go to Covelon to meet some convoy of Ammunition and Stores. At seven in the Evening A Hircarrah came from S^{t}. Thomé with an Account that they have landed there from several Boats one hundred Barrells of Powder a large Number of heavy Shot and Shells. That the Powder and Shott were lying upon the sea side this afternoon at 5 and the Shells were carried up near the Bungalo. That Eight Camels are employed in bringing up the Shells four upon each Camel and the Shot are brought four upon each Bullock. Their Force at S^{t}. Thomé he takes to be about 50 Europeans two Companys of Seapoys and fifteen European Horse. He came here by the way of Trivelicane from thence down to the Fishermens Hutts and across the Bar and saw no Guard or Centry. At ten oClock at Night Two Hircarrahs came from Sadras with an Account that the French took Possession of the Fort and made the Dutch Chief and the rest of the Garrison Prisoners. That they took M^{r}. Smith, our Resident and sent him to Pondichery. These Hircars were dispatched from hence with a Letter to M^{r}. Smith which they found means to convey to Chingleput as well as a Letter which was dispatched from hence afterwards by a Cattamaran.

Saturday the 6th.—This morning about five oClock the Enemy Fired five or Six Shells from their Battery to the Northward of the Fort near the sea side supposed to be a Signal for opening their Battery. This Battery is the Work of Lallys Regiment and shall therefore be distinguished by the Name of Lallys Battery. Between Six and Seven OClock the Enemy began to fire from six Guns on this Battery and seven Mortars. From the West or the Lorrain Battery they also Fired from seven Guns three of which bore on the North West Face of Pigots Bastion and four with an Howitz fired against the Flank of the Demy Bastion and enfiladed the Covered way before the North Face of the Royal Bastion, they also had a Mortar or two to the Westward but they threw few shells from thence. The Fire continued pretty warm till Six in the Evening during which time the Enemy threw about 150 Shells and at least two hundred large Shotts The Damage done (except to the Houses in the Town against which their fire seemed to be levelled) is very inconsiderable, the Works having suffered little or nothing, and but one European being killed by a Shell and two Seapoys, one European Mortally wounded on one of the Bastion [*sic*] and two others Slightly by a Shell, and three Seapoys but several Black People were killed and wounded by the Emys [*sic*] Shots which passed quite over the Town upon the sand beyond the foot of the South Glacis where they had retired thinking themselves more secure than within the Walls, some Blacks were also killed in the Town. By a Deserter who came in in the Evening We learnt that a shell of ours had Disabled one of the Enemys Mortars on Lallys Battery and killed three men. What other Damage We did is uncertain but our fire from Cannon and Mortars at both their Batterys seemed much Superior to the Enemys, and their Batterys appeared greatly disordered. Against Lallys Battery We had seven* Guns (three from the old North East Bastion, three from the North Lunette and four from the Royal Bastion.) Against the Lorrain Battery We had Eleven Guns (four on the Royal Bastion, two on the North West Curtain, two on Pigots Bastion and three on S^{t}. Georges Lunette) besides seven Guns on the Flank of the Demy Bastion and old North East Bastion which were not fired.

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This morning about 8 o Clock a Party of the Enemy consisting of two Companys of Europeans and three of Seapoys were observed to the Southward near the Fishermens Hutts which is supposed to be a Motion made to cover their convoy of Stores from St. Thomé to the Black Town, about 2 in the afternoon 9 Boats went from St. Thomé to the Southward.

A Letter received from Usoff Cawn advising of his removal from Tribambore to Wendelour and that he has sent his wounded People to Chingleput. See the Appendix N°. 129.

Sunday the 7th. January.—The Enemy threw many Shells in the Night and at day break began to batter with their Cannon, their Shells all this day continued as before to be directed chiefly at the Houses by which many are already in ruin. Their Fire from Lallys Battery was from seven Cannons and seven Mortars, and from the Lorrain Battery from seven Cannon and one Howtz. as yesterday, they also opened another Battery this morning to the left of the Burying Ground, From whence they fired with two Pieces on the left face of the North Lunette. The Damage done to our Works by the Enemys fire is not very great. The Embrazures and Platforms are more impaired by our own Cannon than by their Shot or Shells the greater part of which flew into or over the Town. A Working Party of 100 Men are ordered to repair in the Night with sand Bags the Damaged Embrazures on the old North East, the Demy, the Royal, and Pigots Bastion and 100 Seapoys to get up two twenty four Pounders in the place of two which have had their Muzzles knocked off on the North East Bastions. The Enemys Works appeared to be much disordered by our Fire. They ceased firing about Six this Evening and our Working party in the Covered way can plainly hear them repairing their Embrazures and Platforms. We have had one European, one Coffree, and one Seapoy killed this day and two Europeans & three Seapoys wounded.

A Letter Received from Captn. Preston and one from Usoff Cawn advising that many of Usoff Cawns People having left him and fled as far as Chingleput after the Action at Trivambore they had been obliged to retreat from thence in some disorder to Chingleparmacoil from whence they intended to march back at this day to Wendalour by Usoff Cawns Letter the loss in the Action at Trivambore appears to be, Killed 2 Europeans & 65 Seapoys & wounded 6 Europeans and 121 Seapoys. See the Letters in the Appendix.

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From Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...		131

Dispatched Answers to Capt Preston & Usoff Cawn chiefly recommending to their attention to Endeavour by all ways to cut off the Enemys Supplies. See the Letters in the Appdx.

To Capt Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N°.	132
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...		133

In a Letter received this day from Mr. Brooke Resident at Pulicat are these Passages. "I have heared that the French intend to make a Mine in order to "blow up the Covered Way to the Northward, it has also been said that an Escalade "is intended towards the North East or next the sea." "It is Strongly believed "and expected by the French in General, but in particular by the chiefs, that "Fort St. George will capitulate after a Strong and vigorous Bombardment and "in order to induce and bring you to this it is to be proposed that all private "property will be Secured and the Companys only be surrendered to Mr. Lally."

The 2d. Instant at Night three Massoolah Boats were sent away to Sadrass with several of the Women Inhabitants of this Place before the News had reached Us of the Enemys having Seized that Fort, upon their arrival there, the Officer Commanding for the French received them and their Effects into the Fort (with what intention is not known) and Siezed the Boats, which he afterwards dispatched away with the same Boat People and a French man in each loaded with

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Military Stores for their army in the Black Town, in the Passage the Boat People Seized and Bound the French Men and brought them in here this morning with the Boats and Stores consisting of 50 Barrells of Gunpowder, Pick Axes, Sand Bags and a parcell of Miners Helmets. As a Reward to the Boat Men the Military Store-keeper is ordered to pay them the full value of all these Stores.

In order to induce the Pollygars to exert themselves in cutting off all Supplies of Provisions from the Enemy and to assist Usoff Cawn in getting provisions for his Army it is resolved to send Antazee Punt the Nabob's Vakeel, a Man well acquainted & Respected in the Country to treat with and Spirit them up, a Letter of Instructions is accordingly now wrote him and the Principal Pollygars also to Morarow the Moratta. See the Appendix.

To Antazee Punt	N	134
To Morarow		135
To Maulrauze		136
To Rangapa Naig & Verdapa Naig		137

This Evening a Flag of Truce from the Enemy brought a Letter from M^r. Lally to the Governour. See the Appendix N^o. 138.

A Hircar sent to the Hospital to observe whether the Enemy were begining any work there came back with an Account that he saw Fascines and other preparations collected and some black People at Work.

Monday the 8^th.—The Enemy ceased firing last night about Sun set and began to throw Shells again between Eleven and twelve and continued so all night, they also began to fire from some cannon about two o'Clock in the Morning and at day light they began to play with the same Guns and Mortars and in the same direction as yesterday with the addition of two Guns more from the Byrying [*sic*] Ground so that their Battery at that place now consists of four Guns, The Damage done to the Works this day is much more considerable than yesterday, the Enemy having lower'd their Embrazures having probably observed that many of their shots flew over. A Working party of 100 Europeans and two Companys of Seapoys are ordered to repair the Damages done to the Works.

ACCIDENTS IN THE ARTILLERY.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		Demi Bastion.
1	...	Capt Lieutenant Brooke.
		Royal Bastion.
...	1	not dangerous.
		Pigot's Bastion.
...	3	of whom one mortally.

ACCIDENTS IN MILITARY.

1	...	Christopher August of Capt Scaubs Company.
...	1	Joseph Old of Capt Greig's Company.

ACCIDENTS TO SEAPOYS.

2	...	of . . . . . Company.
...	2	of . . . . . Company.

The following promotions are made to fill the Vacancys occasioned by the Death of Capt Lieutenant Brooke.

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Lieut. John J. Eley—promoted to Capt Lieutenant.

Capt Lieut. John Dickenson—appointed Adjutant of Artillery.

Lieut. Fireworker Richard Pottinger—promoted to 2d. Lieutenant.

Ensigns Brevets are also Issued to the undermentioned Gentlemen to Rank from the day they were put in order to act Vizt.

Andrew Vaslet	...	...	...	...	...	14 December.
James West	...	...	...	...	...	15 Do.

The Repair of the Damages done daily to the Works being a most essential Service, for the better performing that duty it is resolved that a Pioneer Company be established to be composed of Volunteers and to consist of 6 Serjeants, 6 Corporals and 88 private who are to be excused all other Duty and to receive each half a Rupee a day extraordinary Allowance, Lieutenant Meyer and Ensign West are appointed to this Company.

This morning the French Frigate with Stores from Pondichery for the Enemy passed by the Road and Anchored opposite the Black Town.

In the afternoon a Shell from the Enemy fell into a Godown in Mr. Mackays House full of the Companys Salt Petre and Brimstone which took Fire and could not be extinguished for many hours the prodigious Smoke which arose drew an exceeding Warm fire of Shot and Shells upon that Quarter from the Enemy but happily no other damage was suffered than the loss of the greatest part of the Salt Petre and Brimstone.

In the afternoon a Flag of Truce was sent out with a Letter from the Governour to Mr. Lally in answer to that received from him yesterday. See the Appendix No. 139.

It being observed that the Enemy are erecting Works to the Westward and Southward by which the Town will be entirely Invested and annoyed on all sides, And as the Enemy will now in all probability be fully supplied with Stores of all kinds by their Frigate arrived this day, so that the Scheme concerted with Usoff Cawn for cutting off their Supplies cannot now be of the intended Use, The Governour and Field Officers assembled this Evening to consider of proper measures are of opinion that a junction should be made if possible with Capt Preston and Usoff Cawn and think it may be effected by the following plan. That orders be sent to them to march from Wendelour to the Mount on Thursday next the 11 Instant so as to arrive there in the Evening and the very next Morning March on to St. Thomé by the way of Trivambore so as to arrive there by day break by these quick Marches the Enemy possibly may not get timely Notice to Detach from their Army in the Black Town a Force to oppose them. That the same morning before day light a Detachment be made from this Garrison of 400 Europeans Infantry One Thousand Seapoys and the Troop of Horse to march directly to St. Thomé to Attack that Post and Endeavour to push thro and join Captn. Preston and Usoff Cawn which it is judged will not be very difficult, as the Enemy's Force there is much inferior to this Party. This junction made, our United Force will it is judged be of sufficient Strength to Force their way back to this Garrison should the Enemy in the meantime have made any detachments from their Army to Support their post at St. Thomé. Should this Plan succeed thus far provisions may be furnished from the Garrison Store to Usoff Cawns Army for a few days untill some further Plan of Operations may be concerted which must depend greatly on the Motions of the Enemy if they should not think it advisable to weaken themselves to the Northward, the Country to the Southward may be kept open and provisions brought in from Chingleput, if they should endeavour to hem Us in on that side something may be Attempted against to the Northward. Letters were according [*sic*] wrote and dispatched this Night as in the Appendix.

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This being the 28th. day of the Siege the following Weekly Reports are delivered in.

General Return of the Garrison ... ... N°. 142
General Accot. of Provisions expended since the 1st. & remaining this day 143
General Return of Military Stores expendd. since the 1st & remaining this day 144
Return of the Hospital from the 1st. to this day 145
List of 17 Deserters from the Enemy since the 18th. Decemr. to this day 146

The Quarter Sessions having been Adjourned at the last Setting in October to this day, the Court met accordingly, and the Grand Jury being sworn but having no Business to offer the Court adjourned to the 10th April next.

Tuesday the 9th.—The Enemys Battery of Guns & Mortars the same as yesterday, two Explosions of Powder have been observed this day at their Battery to the Westward, a smart firing has been kept all day on both sides, the Parapets of our Works are much Damaged chiefly by Shot from the Enemy continue to throw most of their Shells into the Town. The Working party to repair the damages this night under the direction of Lieut Eiser and Ensign Stevenson Enjineers, consists of

	Offr.	Serjt.	Private.
The Pioneer Company	2	6	92
Volunteers of the 2d Battalion Grenadiers ...	2	6	54
Europeans ...	4	12	146
Seapoys 2 Companys			167

of which Number 20 Europeans & 20 Seapoys detached to assist the Artillery the rest employed.

ON THE OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

Repairing the Parapet & laying one Wooden Platform.

DEMY BASTION.

Repairing the damaged Embrazures and making a blind behind the Flank.

NORTH EAST SALIANT ANGLE OR THE PLACE OF ARMS.

Compleating the Battery to 4 Embrasures laying 1 Platform & mountg two 12-Prs.

ROYAL BASTION.

Repairing 7 Embrasures and assisting to Mount One 24-Pounder.

NORTHWEST CURTAIN & PIGOT'S BASTION.

Repairing three Embrasures, turning one & filling up one.

STr. GEORGES RAVELIN.

Repairing 2 Embrasures.

Killed	Wounded.	
		ACCIDENTS IN THE ARTILLERY.
		Demi Bastion.
1		... Lascar.
		1 24-Pounder Gun disabled.
		1 24-Pounder Carriage broke.
		1 18- Do disabled.
		1 Cap square of Royal Mortar broke.

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Pigot's Bastion.

1 18-Pounder Gun broke near the Muzzle Ring.
1 18-Pounder Carriage broke.

Royal Bastion.

Killed. Wounded.

... 1 Gunner by the Carrige [*sic*] running on his Foot.
1 Cap square of 10 Inch Mortar broke.

ACCIDENTS IN THE MILITARY.

None.

ACCIDENTS TO SEAPOYS.

3 ... of . . . . . Company.
... 4 of . . . . . Company.

Francis Dumas Centinel, lately a deserter from the French having been detected in plundering the House of the late M^r. Roberts which had been burst open by a Shell tryed this morning at a General Court Martial for quitting his Post and Plundering, found Guilty and Sentenced to be hanged which was according [*sic*] executed this afternoon.

This afternoon a shell fell into the Sorting Godown and set fire to a parcell of Brown Cloth the greatest part of which was either totally consumed or greatly damaged.

Two large Ships appeared this Afternoon to the Southward endeavouring to Work up but the Wind being adverse they Anchored to the Southward of S^t. Thomé so far that their Colours cannot be distinguished.

INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED THIS DAY.

A Hircar came in from Usoff Cawns Camp at Wendelour without a Letter says that he was informed there that Major Caillaud was arrived near Carangoly and was expected to join the Camp to day or tomorrow. Coming by the way of Marmelon he saw there a Considerable Number of European Horse, from thence he came through S^t. Thomé where he saw some Camels bringing Barrells of Powder and some Bullocks loaded with Shot & Shells. He came from S^t. Thomé as a Cooley with a Basket of Greens which he delivered to the People who were working near the New Hospital and from thence found means to get over to the Fort. Another came from Sadras and Reports that he came from thence the day before yesterday with M^r. Lambert whom he left at Covelon with a large party he judges about 200 Europeans and three or four hundred Seapoys with as many Black Horse. He came by the way of Egmore where he heared Complaints among the Enemys Country Troops for want of Rice. Another brought an Account that the Enemy continue working behind the New Hospital and are making a Deep Ditch or Entrenchment near the small upper Roomed House to the Southward of it. That they are also throwing up a Work to the Southward near the little Portuguese Church where they have brought a Small Gun.

Wednesday the 10^th January.—In the last Night the Enemy carried the Trench from their North or Lallys Mortar Battery about 150 feet Westward and from thence begun a Zigzag running S. E^t. towards the sea. They also begun a

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Trench from the little upper Room House near the New Hospital towards the Pettah Bridge, but both Works are far from Compleat, and the Damage done to their Batteries by yesterdays firing was not repaired. The Working Party appointed under the direction of Messrs. Leigh & Cotsford to repair in the night the damages done by this days firing to our Works consists of

	Offr.	Serr.	Men.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	86
Volunteer Grenadiers of the 1st. Battalion	1	2	37
	2	6	123
Seapoys two Companys			160

employed on and performed the following Work

ON THE OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets which were much damaged repaired a Stone Platform taken up and a Wooden one laid in its place.

ON THE DEMY BASTION.

The Merlons of the Face and Flank which were much Shaken, repaired with above 1,000 Sand Bags. Two Embrasures near the Saliant Angle filled up. One Stone Platform removed and a Wooden one laid in its place. The Blind behind the Flank was worked on and a Good Quantity of Earth at the foot of the Face filled into Bags and carried off.

BATTERY ON THE NORTH EAST SALIANT ANGLE OR PLACE OF ARMS.

The Embrasures which were filled up by our own fire and the Enemys Shot, cleared, and the Merlons well repaired with Sand Bags picketed down.

HOSPITAL.

The Doors and Windows opening to the Westward, blinded by Gabions filled with Earth to secure them against the Lorrain Battery.

Many sand Bags filled & carried on the Several Works to be employed as occasion may require.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		ACCIDENTS IN THE ARTILLERY.
		On the Demy Bastion.
1	...	European.
...	2	Do.

1 24-lbr. Gun, piece broke off the Muzzle by a Shot from the Enemy going into it.
1 24-lbr. Carriage disabled.
1 Ladle Staff and Spunge broke.

Royal Bastion.

1 Eye Bolt 24-lbr. rendered unservisable.

Pigot's Bastion.

1 Non-commission'd Officer.
1 Spunge Staff broke.

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Killed.	Wounded.	
		ACCIDENTS IN THE MILITARY.
1		... of Capt Monchanins Company.
		ACCIDENTS TO SEAPOYS.
1		... of . . . . Company.
...		2 [of] . . . . Company.

The following Orders are Issued this day to the Engineer and the Commander of Artillery Viz$^{t.}$

TO THE ENGINEER.

To set up a Palisade within the lunette to the Northward round the Demy Bastion.

To keep a thousand sand Bags filled upon each Battery of the Front attack'd to be ready for the necessary Repairs. They are to be placed as a Traverse upon the Battery's and as they are employed, to be repaired [*sic*] with others.

To keep Tubs filled with Water upon each Battery of the Front Attack to Wet the Sand Bags continually which will prevent their taking fire and render them more Solid.

To fill the sand Bags with the Earth that falls from the Bastions into the Dry Ditch to the Northward and upon the Chemin de Ronde to the Westward.

To erect a Strong high Traverse over the Steps leading up to the Choultry Gate to prevent the Street under the North Curtain being enfiladed.

To erect another Traverse to Secure the Sick in the Hospital from being enfiladed.

To make a Report to the Governour in Writing every Evening before sun set of the Damage the Works have received in the day, and the Number of men requisite for their Repair and the other necessary Works, that the People may begin to Work the instant the Enemys Firing ceases which has hitherto been about that time.

TO THE COMMANDER OF ARTILLERY

When any Gun or Carriage is so far wounded as to rendered [*sic*] unfit for Service, it is immediately to be drawn behind the Merlon and a Report made to the Governour in Writing That another Gun or Carriage may be prepaired to be put in its place as soon as the Enemy's Firing ceases.

To fill up with Sand Bags such Embrasures as have no Guns or as are not in Service that the Men may not run the risque of being hurt in passing by them.

To Endeavour to keep a Constant fire upon the Enemy from our Guns & Mortars by firing them Single instead of in Salvos, as it is judged that this method will be more likely to take off the Enemy's Men and Slaken their Fire at the same time will be an Ease to our own Works.

The two Ships which Anchored yesterday to the Southward still remain there, not being able to get up; tis not yet known whether they be Friends or Enemys but the latter seems more probable.

A Hircar came in, in the Midle of the Night with a Letter from Usoff Cawn dated the 5$^{th.}$ he came round by the way of Poonemalee & says that the Enemy have 2 Companys of Seapoys in Garrison there. See Usoff Cawns Letter in the Appendix N$^{o.}$ 147.

Thursday the 11$^{th.}$— The Zigzag begun by the Enemy in the Night of the 9$^{th.}$ was Stretched last Night almost to the Sea Side, and the Trench begun at the

same time near the upper Roomed House in the Pettah was carried home to the Bridge. This morning the Enemy opened another Battery of two Guns from the Cook Room of the New Hospital intended to Plunge into the Royal Bastion and beat the Flank in reverse.

The Working Party appointed under the directions of Lieut^{t}· Eiser and Ensign Stevenson Enjineers to repair in the Night the Damage done by this days firing to our Works consists of

	Off.	Serjt.	Privat.
The Pioneer Company	1	5	86
Seapoys 2 Companys	0	2	200

Employed on the following works

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

Repairing the Parapets and making part of a Traverse in the Gorge.

DEMY BASTION.

Repairing the Parapets making a Traverse on the North Face taking up a Stone Platform and laying one of Wood and carrying on the Blind behind the Flank filling sands Bags at the foot of the Bastion and carrying out Pallisadoes to set up before the North face within the Cavet.

BATTERY IN THE NORTH EAST SALIANT ANGLE OR PLACE OF ARMS.

Cleaning the Embrasures, repairing the Merlons and lowering the Cells.

ROYAL BASTION.

Repairing several Embrasures and begining a blind behind the East Flank.

ACCIDENTS IN THE ARTILLERY.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		North Ravelin.
1	...	Matross of the Kings.
...	1	Do of the Companys.

North East Bastion.

3 24-lb^{r}· Guns rendered unserviceable.
2 24-lb^{r}· Carriages . . . . . D^{o}·

ACCIDENTS IN THE MILITARY.

1 ... Serjeant of Major Moliers [Poliers ?] Company, at the North Gate by a Shell.

ACCIDENTS TO SEAPOYS.

None.

A Detail of the Guards of Artillery mounted in the different parts of the Garrison may be seen in the Appendix N. 148.

It is resolved to make a Sally to the Southward tomorrow morning as soon as the Moon goes down which will be between four and five o'Clock, in order to drive the Enemy from their Post just beyond the Bar and at the Garden House, and destroy the Work they are erecting by the Bar, on which they have been observed from the Steeple to work briskly to day. And in order to alarm the Enemy and prevent as much as Possible their carrying on their Works to the Westward and

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Northward the following Orders are given out this Evening. A Serjeant and eight Men with ten Seapoys to advance from the North East Angle of the Covered way by the sea side and when they get in the direction of the Trench to give their whole Fire and retire, upon this it is supposed the Enemy will stand to their Arms, the Guns in the Covered way, the Ravelin and the Royal Bastion to be ready loaded with Grape and to fire about a Minute after the Infantry have fired. At the same time a like Party of Europeans and Seapoys to advance from the Covered way of S^{t}. Georges Ravelin towards the Hospital Bridge as near as possible then to give their whole Fire and retire to the Sortie. The Guns on the Flank of the Nabobs Bastion to be ready loaded with round Shot and the Guns of the Right hand of Lawrences Bastion and those of the left of Pigots with Grape to give fire allowing the time of about two Minutes for our own People to retire, these two Partys to march out at ten o'Clock. The like Alarms to be given in the morning at the same time that the Party marches out for the Sally to the Southward but with larger Numbers, Viz^{t}. the Subaltern on the North East Angle to march out with twenty Europeans and one Company of Seapoys, and the Officer of S^{t}. Georges Ravelin to march out with his whole Guard (except the Centrys and the Serjeant at the Barrier) and one Company of Seapoys, The Guns on the Works abovementioned to be ready loaded as before and to fire. all which was executed accordingly, with what success upon the Trenches to the Northward and Westward is not known, the Sally to the Southward will be Spoken of in the Journal of tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Hircar from the Enemys Camp gives an Account that Rice and all sorts of Provisions are exceeding scarce there, that M^{r}. Bussy has the Command in Peddenagues Pettah and M^{r} Lally has his Tent Pitch beyond the Bound Hedge and lives there, that they suffer no black people to go to their Batteries but he hear'd they had lost several Men there, that they have a Guard of 40 Europeans and 200 Seapoys at the Governours Garden but these to day were posted in the Tope at the back of the Garden towards the Bar and have a Field Piece Pointed down the Visto towards the sea.

Friday the 12th January. Pursuant to the Resolution taken yesterday a Sortie was made this morning to this Southward, Major Cholmondeley Brereton who Commanded the Sortie Reports that half an hour after four o'Clock this morning he marched out from the Covered way with One Company of Grenadiers and a Detachment consisting of three Officers three Serjeants and Eighty three Private with four hundred Seapoys. When his advanced Party arrived near the Bar they were fired at by some Seapoys the Enemy had placed behind a Trench who then retired immediately. He then advanced thro the Topes into a Lane which leads to the Governours Garden House and there a Trooper who was advanced before the Party bro^{t}. him word that the Enemy were posted at the End of the Lane and had one Gun pointed the way our Party was marching up he there upon gave orders for the advanced party of Granediers to move up briskly which they did and gave their fire at about thirty Yards distance from the Enemy. The Enemy then fired their Gun which was charged with Grape and then abandoned it and We took Possession, The Enemy being quite disperced our People were drawing off the Gun, when the Commandant of Seapoys brought Word that their was another Gun pointed towards the Bridge leading to the Island and desired leave to draw it off which they did. The Number killed and wounded of the Enemy is not known, We took Prisoners One Officer (the Chevalier de Militerry a Lieutenant of Lallys Regiment) and four private Men, our loss will appear by the Report hereunder.

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The Chevalier de Militarry [*sic*] being much wounded and desiring to go out on his Parole that he may be attended by his own People, The Governour wrote to Mr. Lally that he Should have no objection if it was agreeable to him. To which Letter Mr. Lally returned an answer in the Evening, but it being too late to send out a Flag the Chevalier's departure is deferred till tomorrow. See the Letters in the Appendix.

From The Governour to Mr. Lally ... . No. 149
From Mr. Lally to the Governour 150

This morning early a Boat from Pulicat arrived and brought a Letter from Capt. Wedderburn of the Thames advising his arrival there and that he purposes to proceed immediately to Mazulipatam to assist in bringing up Colonel Forde's detachment to the relief of this place. See the Letter in the Appendix No. 151.

Last Night the Enemy Worked little or nothing on their Approaches but repaired the Merlons of their several Batterys with sand Bags and opened another Embrazure in their Battery to the Right of the new Hospital, so that they plaid all this day with three Guns from thence and from all their Batterys with twenty two Cannon Seven Mortars and two Howtz.

The Working Party appointed under the Directions of Messrs. Leigh and Cotsford Enjineers to repair this Night the Damages done by the Enemy's firing in the day to our Works consists of

	Off.	Serj.	Private.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	78
Seapoys 2 Company		2	180

of which Party twenty Men were detached to dismount three useless Guns from the North East Bastion, the rest were employed on the following Work.

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

Clearing away the Rubbish at the Foot of the North Face and raising and thickening the Blind before it.

DEMY BASTION.

A great Part of the earth beat down and laying at the Foot of the North Face carried off in Sand Bags or employed to raise the Blind before the old North East Bastion. A Pallisade about five feet high and about six feet from the brink of the Cuvette begun and carried on 100 feet.

BATTERY ON THE N. E SALIANT ANGLE OR PLACE OF ARMS.

The Embrazures which bore most direct against the Enemys Battery thoroughly repaired and the other two blinded.

KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE SALLY THIS MORNING.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		THE KINGS 64 REGIMENT.
...	1	of Major Breretons Company.
		Companys Second Batalion.
...	9	Lieutenant Willm. Robson and Eight Centinels of Capt Charles Campbells Grenadiers.
1	...	John Trevet.
		SEAPOYS.
3	...	of ... ... Company.
...	2.	of ... ... Do.

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ACCIDENTS IN GARRISON.

ARTILLERY.

Fascine Battery.

... 1 Matross of the Companys.

Demy Bastion.

1 24-lb^{r} Gun Disabled.

Pigot's Bastion.

... 1 Lascar, in the Arm.

Nabobs Bastion.

1 12-lb^{r} Iron Truck broke.

North East Bastion.

2 24-lb^{r} Guns disabled.

The Battery so much lumberd with disabled Guns & Carriages the Embrasures so much out of repair the People were obliged to Shelter themselves in the best manner they could till the Battery could be cleared and repaired.

ARTILLERY BARRACKS.

1 ... Matross of the Companys.

MILITARY.

1 ... of Capt. Monchanin's Comp^{y} killed at the N. Gate by a Shell.
... 1 a Coffrey wounded at the North Gate by a Shell.

SEAPOYS.

1 ... at the Fascine Battery.

After our Party which made the Sortie this morning was returned into Garrison the Enemy returned to their Posts beyond the Bar and were observed to be going on with their Work there and several parties of European and Black Horse were observed at different times in the day crossing the plain by Egmore towards the Southward.

One of the Ships (mentioned in this Journal the 9th & 10 th) which Anchored to the Southward off S^{t} Thomé weighed this morning and endeavoured to Work up but the Wind being too far Northerly She Anchored again, tis not yet known what they are, but this afternoon a Cattamaran was dispatched with a Letter which they were directed to conceal and go on board as Fishermen and if they prove to be English Ships to deliver the Letter, if not, to sell their Fish and return. The purport of the Letter is to acquaint the Commanders of our present situation and the Force of the Enemys too [*sic*] Ships lying to the Northward, and to direct them to come in & Anchor close between the Sea Gate Battery and South East Bastion.

This Evening dispatched a Letter to Capt Preston and one to Usoff Cawn. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston...	N^{o}.	152
To Usoff Cawn		153

It being found impracticaple [*sic*] to maintain that Order and regularity amongst the Seapoys under their own Commandants as the Nature of the Service requires,

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and as their is reason to beleive they may be made more usefull by being put under the Command of a Carefull European Officer, Lieutenant Charles Todd is therefore appointed to that Command and all Applications are to be made to him whenever any Seapoys are wanted for the Works or other Services, and as an Encouragement to them to do their Duty with Alacrity he is empowered to promise them that such as Shall Stand out the Seige shall receive a Suitable reward for their Service and such as shall be killed their Familys shall receive a Bounty.

Saturday the 13th January 1759. The Officer Commanding at St. Georges Ravelin last night was ordered to detach a non Commissioned Officer and six Men with ten Seapoys to the Choultry at the Hospital Bridge foot to fire every now and then into the Trench which the Enemy have Stretch'd down to the other side the Bridge and to retire after giving their fire, if Attacked, a Capt was detached from the North Ravelin to the North East Saliant of the Covered way with Orders to keep out a Party of Non Commissioned Officer and Eight Men with ten Seapoys advanced to the Boats by the sea side. Between 10 & 11 the Subaltern under the Command of the above Captain marched out to the Boats with 16 Europeans and 20 Seapoys with orders to advance towards the head of the Enemys approach give fire and retire, While he lay at the Boats the Enemy brought a Field Piece to the Head of their Trench and fired some Grape at his Party which wounded two Europeans and one Seapoy.

about five o Clock this morning the Straw Hutts and Stacks of wood behind Lallys Battery took Fire by a shell thrown from one of our Batterys and continued burning for a long time, about [?] it reached a Magazine and by the greatness of the Explosion and different burstings it is imagined a Considerable Quantity of Powder and loaded Shells must have blown up.

This morning it appeared that the Enemy had in the Night covered the Head of their Zigzag by beginning a Parallel or return near the Beach and carrying it Westward about 100 feet. To the Westward nothing was done so that it is probable the Trench made there is only to secure their Battery near the New Hospital. On the south side of the Bar the Enemys Seapoys have worked hard all day to finish a Breast Work they had thrown up from the sea side quite to the Huts of the Fisherman.

The Working Party appointed under the Directions of Lieutenant Eiser and Ensign Stevenson Enjeneers to repair this night the Damages done to our Works by the Enemys firing this day consists of

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	75
Of the Grenadiers of			
the 2d. Battalion	1	2	25
of the 1st and S Battalion	3	6	120
	5	12	220
2 Companys of Seapoys		2	190

The Works Performed by them Vizt.

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapet of this Bastion which was almost ruined was considerably thickened and compleated for two Guns.

DEMY BASTION.

The Face of this Bastion near the Shoulder being pretty much Shattered the Parapet was repaired above that Part and the Embrasures in General put in order great part of the Earth at the Foot of the Bastion was removed and the Pallisade continued 70 or 80 feet.

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BATTERY ON THE N. E^{r} SALIANT ANGLE OF PLACE OF ARMS.

Tow Embrasures thoroughly repaired.

NORTH WEST LUNETTE.

The Parapet and Embrasures of the Face repaired.

CASUALTIES IN THE GARRISON.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		ARTILLERY.
		Royal Bastion.
...	1	Matross of the Companys Slightly.
		MILITARY.
....	1	of the Coffrey Company, by a Shell.
		SEAPOYS.
....	1	of Addiners Company.
...	1	of Ranga Bouche Naigs Company.
...	1	of Sydoo Godows Company.
		3 firelocks broke by the Enemys Shot.

Lieutenant Charles Todd Commandant of Seapoys Reports that the Seapoys Arms and Ammunition are in very bad order and in General their Officers so ignorant of any thing relating to Military Affairs and so totally unacquainted with discipline that there is great difficulty in making them understand the most Simple Occasional Orders.

The Chavalier de Militerny [*sic*] brought in wounded on the Sortie Yesterday was sent out this forenoon with a Flag of Truce having first given his Parole not to serve during the War on [*sic*] untill exchanged. See the Parole in the Appendix N 154.

At Night two Letters were received one from Capt Preston the other from Usoff Cawn dated the 10th at Sunca Ramahs Choultry in the road to Conjeveram advising that all the Tanjour and Tondamans Horse had left the Army and were gone back. See the Appendix.

From Capt Preston	...	...	...	...	N$^{o.}$	155
From Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...		156

In the forenoon a Party of Horse returned from the Southward to Egmore Powder House and three Companys of Foot passed Egmore plain towards the Black Town, in the Evening a Party of about 40 Europeans crossed the same plain to the Southward.

At Night a Hircar came in from Usoff Cawn and Reports that he came away yesterday at two in the Afternoon that Usoff Cawn was there encamped between Wendalour & Chingleput, that just before he came away a Hircar brought Letters to Usoff Cawn from Major Caillaud that he was by, when they were received and saw Usoff Cawn give the Hircar a present of 30 Pagodas and then he told him to acquaint the Governour that Major Caillaud was arrived at Valimedoo near Chingee and was coming forward with all Expedition. That the Enemys Horse both European and Country are posted as far as the Mount and send Patroles as far as Wendelour. The Hircar says he was Stoped by a Party of them and made to Work all day at the Battery by the New Hospital to which he saw another Gun brought up this Evening.

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Sunday the 14th January 1759. Early this morning a boat arrived from Pulicat and brought Letters from Mr. Brook Resident there accompanyg. Copies of Letters for this Presidency brought to him by Pattamars from Bombay among which are, a Letter from Admiral Pocock dated the 3d. December advising of his arrival there with the Whole Squadron under his Command and that he intended in a few days to dispatch the Companys Ships which were arrived there from England with the Kings Troops on board for this Presidency under the convoy of three Frigates. And a Letter from the Select Committee dated the 2d. December wherein they advise that the Admiral intended to send the Grafton and Sunderland to Convoy four of the Companys Ships with the Troops. See the Letters in the Appendix.

From Admiral Pocock	No. 157
From the Bombay Select Come. 2 Decemr.	158

Altho the Passage from Bombay was made at this Season of the Year by Admiral Watson in a Single Ship in one Month, yet as that was looked upon to be very extraordinary the same Success cannot now be reasonably depended on from a Number of Ships in Company, besides as the time of their sailing does not appear to have been absolutely fixed tho' the Admiral mentions it is intended in a few days, it is to be feared they may still be retarded by unforeseen Events procrastinations and delays too common with Shipping as we severely experience in the disappointment and want of these long expected Succours which were embarked in England above 12 Months ago arrived at Bombay the 14th. of November and, tho the Superiority of the Enemy on this Coast and our reasonable expectation of a Siege are so well known there, were not even intended to be dispatch [*sic*] to Us till some days after the 3d. December. however as such News must be discouraging to the Garrison it is thought proper to Publish that these Succours actually Sailed the begining of December and are daily expected to arrive, but in the mean time to depend on nothing but our own efforts.

By the same Boat Mr. Brooke has also sent Copies of the advices brought up by the Thames Capt Wedderburne from Mr. Andrews Colonel Forde &ca and which he omitted to send ashore here before he left the Road as mentioned in the Journal the 24 Decemr.—amongst which are too [*sic*] Letters from Coll. Forde to Mr. Andrews giving an Account of his Victory over the French Forces Commanded by the Marquis de Conflans in the Rajahmundrum Province. These Letters are entered in the Appendix.

From Coll. Forde to Mr. Andrews 7 Decemr. 1758	No. 159
Do. Do.	160

Last Night the Enemy carried on their Return Westward about 20 Yards and placed a few Gabions more advanced they also Compleated what they begun the preceeding Night nearer the sea. On the whole they did not do much work owing it is supposed to the interruption they received from our [?] of Musketry and Cannon. This morning the Enemy opened a Battery of three Mortars behind the burying Ground. Three Explosions of Powder were observed this day in the Rear of Lallys Battery.

The Working party and the Work done by them this Night is as follows.

Messrs. Liegh & Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	5	76
Grenadiers of the 1 Battalion	1	2	51
1st. & 2d. Battalion	3	5	60
	5	12	187
2 Companys of Seapoys	„	2	200

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OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets and Embrasures repaired and thicken'd in such a manner as to be in as good a state as they were at first. The Platforms lengthened and the Rubbish cleared from below.

DEMY BASTION.

The Earth from the foot of the Face, almost cleared away, the Blind before the old North East Bastion thickened therewith and faced within with Fascines. The Pallisadoes continued almost to the Saliant Angle of the Bastion.

ROYAL BASTION.

A Blind to cover the South Part of the East Flank from the Enemys Battery near the New Hospital and 13 five feet Gabions filled.

NORTH WEST LUNETTE.

Two Embrasures thoroughly repaired.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		Demy Bastion.
1	...	Matross of the Companys Artillery.
		1. 13-Inch Mortar Bed rendered Unserviceable.
		Royal Bastion.
		1. 12-lb^{r} Carriage rendered Unserviceable.
		North East Bastion.
...	1	Matross of the Company's Artillery.
...		1. 12-lb^{r} Carriage rendered Unserviceable.

MILITARY.

... 1 Centinel of Capt. Monchanins Company. Deserted.

SEAPOYS.

None

A Sloop came in from the Northward and Joined the French Ship, a Snow also appeared in the Offing under Dutch Colours and Anchored at a great Distance, the French Ships hoisted English Colours.

Dispatched Letters to Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn this Evening as ℔ Appendix.

To Captain Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N	161
To Usoff Cawn ...	...	...	...	...	...		162

Monday 15th January 1759. Last Night the Enemy lengthened the Return at the Head of their Zigzag a few Yards and in the Middle of it made an opening and from thence placed Gabions in an oblique Direction towards the Sea as if they intended to carry another Zigzag that way, they opened two more Embrasures in their Northern Battery so that they Shewed 10 Guns and fired all day from Nine. A Constant Fire of Grape and Small Arms was kept all Night upon their Trenches from our Works. about One oClock this day a Shott from the Enemy Struck down one of the Pillars of the Sea Gate, and brought down part of the Top with a three Pounder Field Piece which was upon it.

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The Working Party appointed to repair the Damages done to the Works, and the Works Performed are as follows Viz^{t}.

Lieut^{t}. Eiser and M^{r}. Stevenson Engineers

	Off.	Serj.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	64
Grenadiers of the 2^{d}. Battalion	2	3	60
1st & 2^{d}. Battalion	1	2	49
	4	9	173
Seapoys 2 Companys	...	2	130

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets repaired and every thing put in order for three Guns except one of the Platforms which wanted some Additions.

FASCINE BATTERY BY THE SEA SIDE.

The Palisades which were washed down, were replaced and a Parapet made before it.

DEMI BASTIONS.

The Earth which had been beat down at the foot of the Face was carried off, and the blind before the old North East Bastion thickened therewith, The Parapets were repaired and the Palisades continued quite round the Saliant Angle and closed on the East Face.

The Men of the 1st. & 2^{d}. Battalion were detached to dismount the unserviceable Guns and mount others in their room.

CASUALTIES.

Killed. Wounded.

ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

1· 24-lb^{r}. Gun disabled
1· 24-lb^{r}. Carriage D^{o}.

S^{t}. Thoma's Bastion.

1· 24-lb^{r}. Carriage Damaged.

Half Moon Battery.

2· 24-lb^{r}. Carriages Damaged.

Sea Gate Battery.

1· 24-lb^{r}. Carriage Damaged.
1· 12-lb^{r}. D^{o}. D^{o}.

North East Bastion.

... 1 Matross of the Royal Artillery.
2· 24-lb^{r}. Guns Damaged.
1· 24-lb· Carriage D^{o}.

MILITARY.

None.

SEAPOYS.

1 ... of Provoes Cawns Company.
4 Stand of Arms of Ranga Boucha Naigs Company broke by a Shell under the Demy Bastion.

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A Captain Lieutenants Commissions is given to Lieut$^{t.}$ John Clarke to take Rank from the 14 Decem$^{r.}$ the day of the Sally on which Capt Lieut$^{t.}$ Bilhock was killed, And

A Lieutenant Fireworkers Commission to M$^{r.}$ William Wilson one of the Royal Artillery.

This being the 35$^{th.}$ day since We have been Shut up in our Garrison The following Weekly Returns are made

General Return of the Garrison	N. 165
General Acc$^{t.}$ of Provisions Expended since the 8 & remaining this day	166
General Acc$^{t.}$ of Military Stores Expend$^{d.}$ since the 8 & remain$^{g.}$ this day	167
Return of the Hospital from the 8$^{th.}$ to this day... ...	168

This morning a Cattamaram arrived from Pulicat with a Letter from M$^{r.}$ Brooke advising that the Cuddalore Sloop Captain Barker was arrived there from Bengal and that he is informed by him that the Warren was to have sailed from thence, the 10$^{th.}$ Instant with Troops on board for this Presidency, M$^{r.}$ Brooke also writes that he Purposed to employ the Cuddalour Sloop, if approved, to cruize off that place to give Intelligence to any English Ships passing, of our Situation.

About Ten oClock last Night the French Frigate Weighed and Stood out and this morning she was observed under sail in the Offing and some time after she Anchored near the Snow which lay in the Offing yesterday under Dutch Colours, in the Afternoon the Snow Stood in with the Frigate. The two Ships which have been for some days past to the Southward of S$^{t.}$ Thomé have been endeavouring all day to Work to Windward but have not yet passed the Road. About One hundred European Horse passed Egmore plain this afternoon to the Southward.

In the midle of the Night Received a Letter from Capt Preston and one from Usoff Cawn advising that the Tanjore and Tondamans Horses had returned and rejoined them. See the Appendix.

From Capt$^{n.}$ [Preston]	N. 163
From Usoff Cawn	164

Intelligence received this day—A Hircar from S$^{t.}$ Thomé reports that the force of the Enemy there is One Company of Soldiers and two of Seapoys, and at the Garden House Sixty or Seventy Europeans with twenty Troopers and Black Horse with two Field pieces. That the Horse are employed all Night in Patroling. That they have made a Breast Work at the same Place where they had begun before. Another Hircar from the French Camp Reports that the Enemy's design is to advance by Sap to the Covered way and there make a Mine.

Tuesday the 16th January 1759.—This morning it appeared that the Enemy in Spite of our Fire had filled the Empty Gabions they had placed in a Line the Night before and lengthened their Second ZigZag about 20 Yards. They also opened two Embrasures more in their North or Lally's Battery which has now twelve and they have kept a Warm fire from them all the day on the old North East, and the Dimy [*sic*] Bastions. At One O'Clock the Officer Commanding the North Ravelin reported that a Great Number of the Enemy had moved towards their most advanced Parallel, upon which the two Companys of Grenadiers were ordered to reinforce the Posts upon the Front of the Attack, but as the Enemy kept quiet they were afterwards withdrawn.

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The Working party appointed under the direction of Messrs. Liegh and Cotsford to repair this Night the damage done to our Works by the Enemys Firing and the Work performed is as follows :—

	Off.	Serjt.	Privs.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	76
Grenadiers of the 1st. Battalion	1	4	60
Serjeants & Corporals off Duty	...	...	30
	2	8	166
2 Companys of Seapoys...	...	2	130

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets and Embrasures thoroughly repaired for three Guns, and One Platform lengthened, The Rubish [*sic*] at the foot of the Work entirely cleared away.

DEMI-BASTION.

Three Embrasures next the Saliant Angle, filled up. The Parapets in General repaired and Strengthened. The Earth beat down cleared away, from the foot of the Face. The Pallisades broke by the Enemys Shot and Shells replaced and others set up along the Flank.

BLIND BEFORE THE OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

This Work being much battered and torn so as not to be of sufficient Substance to cover the Bastion, it was therefore thickened 10 feet within with an intent to make a Strong Parapet thereon with Bankets for Musketry.

BATTERY IN THE N. ET. SALIANT ANGLE OR PLACE OF ARMS.

In the Afternoon the Guns were withdrawn and the Platforms taken up, in the Night the Embrasures were filled and the Merlons lowered into a Slope about 18 Inches higher than the Glacis.

NORTH LUNETTE.

Two or three hundred Sand Bags which were filled at the foot of the Demi Bastion were carried thereon.

Killed.	Wounded.	CASUALTIES.
		ARTILLERY.
		North East Bastion.
	1	24-lbr. Gun disabled.
		MILITARY.
2	1	of Major Brereton's Company.
1	...	Grenadier of the 1st. Battalion.
1	1	of Captain Gurtler's Company.
...	1	of Capt. Schaubs Company.
...	1	Corporal of Major Caillauds Company.
1	...	of the Troop of Horse.
		SEAPOYS.
1	...	of ... Company.
	3	of ... Company.

The Warren being Shortly expected from Bengal with Troops for this Presidency and will Probably touch at Pulicat it is Judge [*sic*] proper to lodge in the hands of Mr. Brook, Resident there, an order to the Captain of any Company's Ship or other having English Troops aboard to take the Advantage of the Night by which

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they may Slip by the Enemys Ships lying to the Northward, and run in and Anchor as close as Possible under our Guns making a Signal which has been lodged with Mr. Brooke some time for Ships coming in, in the Night. Such an order was accordingly dispatched this Evening to Mr. Brooke as in the Appendix No. 169.

Letters were this Evening dispatched by Hircars to Captn. Preston and Usoff Cawn, repeating that their remaining at Wendelour now can be of little use to Us, and directing to advance nearer this way and take some advantageous Post, that they may be at hand to act in Concert with thus (*sic*) See the appendix.

To Captain Preston...	No.	170
To Usoff Cawn		171

Seven Boats arrived this day at St. Thome from the Southward. A Snow anchored in the Offing without hoisting any Colours. The French Frigate got under way and Stood out towards her but had not reached her when Night came.

Wednesday the 17th January 1759.—Between twelve and one o'Clock in the morning the Commanding Officer detached Ensign Barnes with a Small party from the Covered way to disturb the Enemy in thir works, they at first brought only five or Six Men against him but they soon after encreased to Forty or Fifty upon which the Commanding Officer sent Orders to Ensign Barnes to return and as he was retreating he received a Shot which killed him, and a Corporal and a Coffrey of his Party were wounded. A Non Commission Officer and eight Seapoys were detached from St. George's Ravelin about Eleven o'Clock to observe the Enemys Motions, they advanced as far as the Hospital Bridge where they discovered a Party of the Enemy about fifty men advancing towards the Bridge upon which our party gave their Fire & retired the Enemy crossed the Bridge and fired twice which was returned from the Ravelin, and the Seapoys in the covered way. A Constant Fire of small Arms was kept up by the Seapoys posted in the North Front and by Grape Shot from the North Ravelin upon the Enemy's Works the whole Night, but notwithstanding these Interruptions, they extended their Crochet at the Head of their Second Zigzag, Westward, about 15 or 20 Yards at the foot of the Glacis, but left it very rough and unfinished.

The Working Party this Night and the Work performed by them is as follows.

	Off.	Serj.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	75
Grenadiers of the 2d. Battalion	1	4	60
	2	8	135
2 Companys of Seapoys	...	2	130

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets of this Work were put in good Condition and three Guns made ready for firing in the morning.

DEMI-BASTION.

The Pallisades in the Dry Ditch were compleated the Earth cleared away at the foot of the Bastion and the Blind thickened and raised therewith.

NORTH EAST ANGLE OF THE COVERED WAY.

The Earth raised there for a Battery was levelled and Pallisades fixed in the Intervals cut out for the Guns.

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CASUALTIES.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		ARTILLERY.
		Demy Bastion.
1		Matross of the Company's.

Royal Bastion.

1 Cape Square of a 10-Inch Mortar broke.
1 Wheel of an 18-lb^{r} Carriage broke & rendered unserviceable.

North East Bastion.

1 12-lb^{r} Gun dismounted.

Palmira Battery.

1 6-lb^{r} Carriage wheel broke & 1 Handspike.

MILITARY.

1		Ensign Barnes in a Sally on the Enemys Trench.
	1	of Capt^{n} Schaubs Company D^{o}.
	1	a Coffrey . . . . . D^{o}.
1		of Capt Gurtler's Company by a Shell on the Demi Bastion.

SEAPOYS.

1		of Easam Cawns Company, by a Shell.
	2	of Addinais Company by Shot.
	1	of Sandaraband's Company by a Shell.

The Snow which Anchored Yesterday in the Offing and which the French Frigate went out after, Escaped in the Night the Frigate was almost out of Sight in the morning but came and anchored in her former Station and the two Ships which have been lying several days off S^{t}. Thomé also worked to the Northward and Anchored this Evening with the other French Ships.

Eighteen Camels, four Elephants, and Six Tumbrils, crossed Egmore Plain to the Northward, supposed to be loaded with Ammunitions; and Seventeen Camells and forty Carts passed the same plain to the Southward.

As the Enemy are advancing very fast and may soon be expected to Assault our covered way & Out Works it is judged necessary that Captain Preston & Usoff Cawn Should join Us, if Possible, Letters are therefore dispatched to them with a Plan and orders to make the Attempt. See the Appendix.

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INTELLIGENCE.

At Nine oClock this Evening came in two Hircars who report that they remained last Night near the Garden House and saw a Party of 300 Europeans and some Companys of Seapoys arrive there from the Black Town about Seven in the Evening, which being joined to the Guard that was there before, he judges the Whole Force at that Post to be about four hundred Europeans and Eight Companies of Seapoys. That they continued there all this day and he saw two Guns join them this morning by the Egmore Road and they had before two small ones with them.

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Thursday the 18th January 1759.—The Enemy to Appearance did no more last Night to their Approaches than Place a few Gabions and fill some, which were incompleated the preceeding day. This morning they opened three New Embrasures in Lallys Battery next the Sea and about Noon began to Fire from them on the Right Face of the North Lunette, That Battery has now fifteen Embrasures but they have not fired from all of them to day. The four Guns of the Lorrain Battery which fired on the West Face of the Bastion were this day Silent and the Embrasures closed.

The Working party and the Work Performed this Night is as follows.

Messrs. Leigh & Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Serj.	Private.
The Pioneer Company	1	3	53
Grenadiers of the 1st. Battalion ...	1	4	60
Serjeants and Corporals	„	„	32
	2	7	147 [*sic*]
2 Companys of Seapoys	...	...	120

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Merlons and Embrasures which were much Shattered repaired and Put in Good Order for three Guns; the Rubbish was also cleared from the foot of the Bastion.

DEMY BASTION.

The Embrasures which open on the Enemy's Battery near the Burying Ground were repaired, the Earth cleared away from the foot of the Bastion, and the Pallisadoe continued aCross the dry ditch on the East Wing.

BLIND BEFORE THE NORTH EAST BASTION.

This Work was raised higher and nearly Compleated for Musketry.

NORTH EAST ANGLE OF THE COVERED WAY.

Great part of the Earth was cleared away and the Gabions placed there were emptied and removed.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

1 24-lbr. Gun disabled.
1 24-lbr. Carriage damaged.
The Face of the Embrasures and the Parapets greatly damaged.

Royal Bastion.

1 10-Inch Brass Mortar disabled.

North Ravelin.

1 12-lbr. Gun disabled.
1 12-lbr. Carriage damaged.
The Embrasures in great want of Repair.

North East Bastion.

All the Embrasures so much damaged as to be unfit for Service.

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Killed.	Wounded.	
		MILITARY.
	1	Corporal of Capt Innes's Company, by a Shell in the New Barracks.
	1	Centinel of Capt Monchanin's Company, D°. . . . D°.
	1	D°. of Capt Pascall's Company by a Shot on the Demi Bastion.
	1	D°. of Capt^{n} Greig's Company by a Shell in the New Barracks.
	1	D°. of Major Callaud's Company by a Shot in the Bombproof Barracks.
	1	D°. of Capt Scaub's Company, by a Shot on the North Ravelin.
1		A Coffrey, by a Shot before the Palmeira Bomb Proof.
4	1	Invalides, by a Shell in the old Barracks.
		SEAPOYS.
3		One of Anass Sing's Company by a Shell & two of Sandaraband's Comp^{y}. by Shot.
	1	of Divan Saib's Company by a Shell.
	3	one Jemidar & 2 Seapoys of Sandaraband's Comp^{y}. by Shot.
	1	of Miaram's Company by a Shot.
		1 of Trimail Naick's Company. } Deserted.
		1 Naig of Sandaraband's Company. } Deserted.
		13 Seapoys of Seid Godown's Company. } Deserted.

Several Officers have been observed giving Directions at the Breast Work the Enemy have thrown up beyond the Bar to the Southward and their People continue to Work there, after Dusk they began to fire from thence with two small Guns, and continued firing from thence once or twice every hour 'till morning.

This Evening the Governour Issued the following Orders and Instructions in Writing to the several Officers Commanding & to Command on the Posts round the Town for the better defence thereof in case of an Attack from the Enemy which may be expected. Viz^{t}.

INSTRUCTIONS.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING ON THE NORTH RAVELIN.

You are to Post Kersa Sing and four Companys of Seapoys in the Covered way before the Ravelin, with Orders to Man the Covered way before the Right Face of the Ravelin with three Companys of Seapoy and Covered Way before the Left Face with one Company of Seapoys, which they are to defend to the utmost.

You are to detach a Corporal and Six Europeans with One Company of Seapoys to the Saliant Angle of the Covered way before the Royal Bastion with Orders to defend that Post as long as possible, but in case of being forced to retire into the Place of Arms to the Left of the North Ravelin taking particular care to Shut up the passage round the Traverse.

You are Yourself with the Remainder of your Command to defend the North Ravelin to the Last Extremity, and not to Abandon it on any Account without Express Orders.

You are to take under your Charge the Keys of the Barrier Gate to the Northward & of the Gate to the Caponier as well as the Sorties.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING IN THE SALIANT ANGLE OF THE COVER'D WAY BEFORE THE DEMY BASTION.

You are to defend this Post to the utmost but if you Should be overpowered you must retire along the Covered way before the East Face of the Demi

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Bastion into the Demy Place of Arms there, & maintain that Post to the last Extremity.

To the Officer Commanding on the Royal Bastion.

You are to Man the Banquets on this Bastion, but in case the Enemy should Force the North Ravelin and Attempt to Pass the Caponier you are to bring your whole Party or detach such part as you Judge necessary to defend the low Curtain and Barrier of the Caponier, should you be repulsed from thence, you are to retire into the Gorge of the Royal Bastion, and defend that Barrier to the last extremity.

You are to take under your Charge the Keys of the two Pallisade Gates, that leads to the Northwest Blind and to the Choultry Gate.

To the Officer Commanding on the Demi Bastion.

You are to man the Banquets in this Bastion but in case the Enemy should force the North Ravelin and attempt to Pass the Caponier you are to bring your whole party or detach such Part as you Judge necessary to defend the low Curtain and Barrier of the Caponier. Should you be repulsed from thence you are to retire into the Gorge of the Demi Bastion and defend that Barier to the last extremity.

You are to take under your Charge the Key of the Pallisade Gate that leads to the Choultry gate.

To the Officer Commanding on S$^{T.}$ George's Ravelin.

You are to detach a Serjeant, a Corporal, and ten Men to the South West Lunette, with one Company of Seapoys who are to defend that Post to the last Extremety.

You are to detach the Ordinary Guard to the North West Lunette who are to defend that Post to the last Extremity.

With the rest of your Command you are to defend the Covered way round the Ravelin and you will keep a Constant patrole between your Post and the two Lunettes to bring you Intelligence that you may reinforce them if you find it necessary.

You are to take under your Charge the Keys of the Ravelin and Barrier Gates to the Westward, as well as a key to the Sorties.

To the Officer Commanding on the South Lunette.

You are to detach one Company of Seapoys to the Demi Counterguard who are to defend that and the Covered Way round it and S$^{t.}$ Thomas's Bastion to the last Extremity.

You are to detach a Corporal and six Europeans with one Company of Seapoys to the Saliant Angle of the Covered way before the Nabob's Bastion who in case of being repulsed are to retire behind the Traverse to the right of the South Lunette and there give their Fire on the Enemy, from whence you will order them where you may see most Occasion.

With the rest of your Command you are to defend the Lunette, and you will keep a Constant Patrole between your Post and the Demi Counterguard and the Saliant Angle before the Nabob's Bastion to bring you Intelligence that you may reinforce them if you find it necessary.

You are to take under your Charge the Keys of the Barrier Gates to the South & South West of the Pallisade Gate on the Left Face of the Ravelin, and of the Sorties.

To the Officer Commanding at the Sea Gate Battery.

You are to defend this Post to the last Extremety.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL THE POSTS.

The Greatest Silence must be observed. you must Endeavour to avoid all hurry and Confusion. You must be very Cautious in your Report of any Attack made on your Post lest it should Occasion too large Detachments from a Real Attack.

The General Disposition of the Troops to their Quarters and the Posts to which they are to repair in case of an Alarm are settled and given out in Orders as follows.

Company's.	Where Quartered.	Their Alarm Post.
Col[l]. Draper's ...	In M[r]. Mackay's Godown	At the Fascine Battery to the North East.
Major Brereton's ...		
Captain Fell's ...		
Marines	Sea Gate ...	Sea Gate Redout.
Capt. Innis's ...	New Barracks ...	In the Choultry Gate Street.
Capt. Gurtler's ...		
Capt. Monchanin's ...		
Capt. Donald Campbell's		
Capt. Charles Campbell's	In the North Curtain	The Grenadier Company that has the Reverse to lay always at the Demi place of Arms to the North East & the other Grenadier Company in case of a General Alarm to go into the North Ravelin.
Capt. Beaver's		
Major Polier's ...	In a Shed to the Westward	At the Blind behind the Mint Bastion.
Coffrey Company ...	In the Palmira Bomb Proof	
Capt. Joseph Smith's ...	In a Shed to the Westward	In the Portuguese Square.
Capt. Richard Smith's ...		
Major Caillaud's ...	In a Shed near the Nabob's Bastion	On the Nabob's Bastion.
Capt. Pascall's ...	D[o].	... At S[t]. George's Gate.
Capt. Scaub's [*sic*] ...	South Curtain	... Upon the South Curtain.
The Pioneer Company		

And the Company's Servants and Inhabitants in General having expressed their Willingness and desire to bear Arms for the Defence of the Town in case of an Assault, are desired by the Governour, upon any Alarm, to repair immediately to the Sea Gate Redout to defend that Post with the Appointed Guard.

Friday the 19th January 1759.—Notwithstanding the Fire of our Musketry Cannon and Mortars was kept up very briskly all last Night the Enemy advanced their Approaches from the Second Crochet in an oblique Direction across the Saliant Angle of the Glacis and compleated that part of the Crochet left unfinished the preceeding Night.

The Working Party and the Work Performed by them this Night is as follows Viz[t].

Lieut[t]. Eiser and Ensign Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Serj.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	75
2 Companys of Seapoys	„	2	130

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets were thickened one three foot Gabion the Embrasures repaired and the Rubbish cleared from below the North Face.

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BLIND BEFORE THE NORTH EAST BASTION.

Made Proper for Musketry to fire from.

FASCINE BATTERY.

A Number of Pickets drove in Rows to impede the Advance of an Enemy

DEMI BASTION.

Two Embrasures were repaired the Earth cleared from the foot the Pallisades railed together where they appeared weake and a Breast Work begun without the Pallisades which Seperate the Gorge from the Second Curtain.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		CASUALTIES.
		ARTILLERY.
		Demi Bastion.
	1	Matross of the Royal Artillery.
		Fascine Battery.
	1	6-lb^{r}. Field Carriage disabled.
		MILITARY.
		KING'S.
	2	of Lieut^{t}. Colonel Drapers Company.
	1	of Major Breretons Company.
		COMPANY'S.
	1	Lieut. Bales by a Shell on the Demi Bastion.
	1	Centinel of Major Polier's Comp^{y}. by a Shot in the New Barracks.
	1	Centinel in Capt Monchanin's by a Musket Shot in the North Ravelin.
	2	1 European & 1 Topass Cent^{l}. of Capt Pascalls by Musket Shot D^{o}.
1		Centinel of Capt Greig's by Shot in the North East Angle.
	2	Corporals & one Centinel of Capt Monchanin's Company Deserted.
		SEAPOYS.
	4	by Shot—1 of Anass Sings 1 Aosen Cawns & 2 of Addinars Company.
	5	by Shell—1 Jemidar 4 Seapoys of Mada Naigs Company.
	2	Deserted of Sandarabands Company.
	4	Firelocks broke by Shot & 2 Stand of Colours.

The Enemy being now advanced upon our Glacis and beyond the North East Saliant Angle by the sea side, The Governour thought proper to call a Council of War of the Field Officers to Consider what might be the Enemy's Intentions from the Appearance of their present Works, and what the Properest Measures for Us to oppose them. The Minutes of this Council may be seen in the Appendix N^{o}. 174.

Upon this Council it was resolved to make a Sally this Night upon the Enemys Trenches with [*Lacuna in the original*] Men of which Number [*Lacuna in the original*] of the Pioneer Company without Arms in order to ruin and destroy as

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much of their Works as possible; but at Eight o'Clock at Night a Hircar came in with a Letter from Mr. Brooke at Pulicat and reported that he came thro the Black Town this afternoon where he saw the Enemys Troops Assembled, their Arms reviewed, new Flints served out and several parties of Seapoys called in from the OutPosts, and that their Horse both European and Country were sent away to the Southward about half an hour after Dark.

It being Judged from this Intelligence that the Enemy design to make some Attempt this Night, the Intended Sally was Countermanded and all the Garrison Ordered to lay under Arms at their several Alarm Posts.

The Letter brought by the Hircar from Mr. Brooke mentions that he is informed by Letter from Chingleput of the 15th. that Major Caillaud was at Condore the 3d. Instant, And that an English Sloop was just Anchored in Pulicat Road but that he had not yet learnt what or from Whence.

At Night Letters were received from Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn dated at Lallapet the 16th. advising that they had been obliged to march thither to get provisions for their Army and to raise Horse, That they had received our Plan of the 8th. but were under the necessity of postponing it, that they should march in 2 or 3 days for Arcot thence to Conjiveram and as soon as they get within a days March of Turing's House they will fire 3 or 4 Rockets as a Signal that they are ready to join in the execution of our plan. See the Appendix.

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The French Frigate & the Harlem weighed this Evening and Anchored nearly abreast of Lally's Battery.

Saturday the 20th January 1759.—Last Night the Enemy advanced their third ZigZag quite down to the Sea side and made a small Return to cover the head of it, A brisk fire of Musketry and Cohorn was continued all Night from our defences. above 100 Cooleys were drove into their Trenches this morning and compelled to Work as was observed from the Steeple. To the Southward near the Fishermens Hutts beyond the Bar some Europeans were seen at Work on a Barbet Battery and two large Guns or Mortars were placed behind it; The Enemys Shells set fire to several parts of the Town this day particularly to the Companys Sorting Godown great part of which was consumed with a large Quantity of Brown Cloth.

The Working party and the Work performed by them this Night is as follows.

Messrs. Leigh & Cotsford Engineers.

			Off.	Ser.	Private.
The Pioneer Company...	...	...	1	4	70
2 Companys of Seapoys	...	...	„	2	120

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets and Embrasures of this Bastion were entirely repaired and Compleated for three Guns.

DEMI BASTION.

The Earth was taken away from the foot of the North Face and carried to the Blind before the North East Bastion which was compleated for Musketry.

NORTH RAVELIN.

The Embrasures and Parapets of the Right Face were repaired with Sand Bags and Fascines and the Earth carried off from under the Face.

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FASCINE BATTERY.

Many Pickets were drove in front of this Work and some Fascines laid on to raise the Parapet.

Pallisades in the dry ditch round the Demi Bastion repaired were broken as well as some in the Covered way on the East Face of the North East Bastion.

SEA GATE REDOUT.

Great Part of the Rubbish was cleared away and a traverse made before the Gate.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		CASUALTIES.
		ARTILLERY.
		Demi Bastion.
1		Gunner of the Companys by a Musket Shot.
	1	Syrang by a Shell.
		1 Wooden Platform disabled by a Shell.
		Fascine Battery.
	1	Matross of the Company's mortally.
		North Ravelin.
		1 Mortar blown to pieces by a Shell.
		MILITARY.
		KING'S.
1	1	of Major Breretons Company.
	1	of Capt Fells Company.
		COMPANY'S.
1	1	of Capt Beavers Company by Cannon Shot.
1		Topas of Major Poliers Company at the Nabobs Bastion.
1		of Capt Schaubs Company by a Shell near the Powder Magazine.
	1	of Capt Monchanins Company by a Shell at the New Barracks.
	1	Coffrey near the Palmira Bombproff [*sic*].
		1 Deserted of Capt Monchanins Company.
		SEAPOYS.
	2	1 Jemidar 1 Seapoy of Jemal Saibs Company.
	1	of Easam Cawns.
		8 Stand of Arms broke by Shells& 4 Stand by Stand [*sic*].

This Morning a Cattamaran arrived from Pulicat with a Letter from M^r· Brooke enclosing a Letter from Colonel Forde of the 3^d· Instant wherein he acknowledges the Receit of our Letter of the 17 Decem^r· Copies of which he immediately forwarded by Sea & Land to Calcutta and is in daily expectation of their Orders on our Representations of the 4^th· November. See the Appendix N^o· 177.

M^r· Brooke also forwarded by the same Conveyance Copy of a French Letter intercepted at Bengal and Sent by Col^l· Clive in a private Letter to the Governour, giving an Account of the French Affairs on the Coast, by which among other things We learn that their Squadron Sailed the 5^th· of September to refit at the Islands. See the Appendix N^o· 178.

Letters were dispatched this Evening to Capt Preston and Usoff Cawn Pressing them to hasten this way. See the Appen^x·

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The following Promotions being made in the Military the Service absolutely requiring such an Additional Number of Officer their Commissions are Issued this day.

Names.	From what Rank Promotd.	To what Rank promoted.	Date.	Day.
Henry Spelman ...	Lieut^{t}.	Capt.	7 Jaňry 1759.	7 Jaňry 1759.
John Clarke	Capt^{n}. Lieutenant.	Captain.	8 D^{o}.	8 D^{o}.
Simon Hart	Lieutenant.	D^{o}.	9 D^{o}.	9 D^{o}.
John H^{y} Meyers ...	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	10 Do.	10 D^{o}.
Joseph Dark	D^{o}.	Do.	11 Do.	11 D^{o}.
David Blak [*sic*] ...	D^{o}.	Do.	12 Do.	12 D^{o}.
Rob^{t}. Bannatyne ...	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	13 D^{o}.	13 D^{o}.
Charles Tod	D^{o}.	Capt. Lieutenant	14 D^{o}.	14 D^{o}.
Stephen Vellaret ...	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	8 January	8 Jaňry 1759.
Joseph Wynn	D^{o}.	Do.	9 Do.	9 D^{o}.
Abraham Faizan ...	Do.	Do.	10 Do.	10 D^{o}.
Abraham Bonjour ...	D^{o}.	Do.	11 D^{o}.	11 D^{o}.
Rich^{d}. Fitzpatrick ...	D^{o}.	Do.	12 Do.	12 D^{o}.
John Dormand	Serjeant.	Ensign.	8 Jaňry 1759.	8th Jaňry 1759.
Thomas Wilcox... ...	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	9 D^{o}.	9 D^{o}.
Frederick Leaver ...	D^{o}.	Do.	10 D^{o}.	10 D^{o}.
William Rhotermond ...	D^{o}.	Do.	11 D^{o}.	11 D^{o}.
James Belton	D^{o}.	Do.	12 D^{o}.	12 D^{o}.
Samuel Dixon	Do.	D^{o}.	13 D^{o}.	13 D^{o}.
Simon Jorrker	Do.	Do.	14 D^{o}.	14 D^{o}.
Leopold Kirker	Do.	D^{o}.	16 D^{o}.	16 D^{o}.
Robert Mitchell ...	Do.	Do.	17 D^{o}.	17 D^{o}.
John Bridger	Do.	D^{o}.	18 D^{o}.	18 D^{o}.
John Copper	Do.	Do.	19 D^{o}.	19 D^{o}.
Charles Morgan ...	Do.	D^{o}.	20 D^{o}	20 D^{o}.

At the same time Commissions were Issued for the undermentioned Engineers to take Rank in the Military Viz^{t}.

Names.	Engineers Rank.	Military Rk.	date.	day of Rank.
John Call	Sub Director of Ingineers	Captain	20 January 1759.	1 Jaňry 1759.
Alexander Leigh	Engineer in ordinary ...	Capt. Lieut^{t}. ..	D^{o}.	15 Jaňry 1759.
William Stevenson	Sub Engineer	Lieutenant	D^{o}.	1 Decem^{r}. 1759.
Edward Cotsford	Practitioner Engineer ...	Ensign	D^{o}.	1 January 1759.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Hircar from S^{t}. Thomé reports that the Force the Enemy have their [*sic*] is One hundred Europeans and two hundred Seapoys, that three hundred Country Horse were sent the day before yesterday for the defence of Arcot and Conjeveram upon advice received that Usoff Cawn being Joined by Abdul Vahab Cawn and the Pollygars were to march this way in three or four days. That the Shot Shells and other Stores the Enemy had at S^{t}. Thomé are all removed to the Black Town. That for three Nights past the French have kept their Troops under Arms in expectation of Sallies from the Fort. Another Hircar from S^{t}. Thomé reports that the Enemy Sent away yesterday to the Black Town all the Stores that remain'd at S^{t}. Thomé. That there [*sic*] Fo[rce] there is fifty or Sixty Europeans and about 200 Seapoys. That he came from [there] early this morning & remained all

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day in the Buzzar of Peddanaigues Pettah [That] the French Seapoys who talked of preparations that were made last night by the Enemy for some grand Attack and that they still give out that something extraordinary is to be done in two or three days. The French Frigate [came this?] morning abreast of S^t. Thomas's Bastion but so far out that our Shot could [not reach] her.

Sunday the 21^st January 1759.—The Enemy last Night made little or no Advance in their Aproaches they enlarged their Second Crochet and Zigzag and had people at Work the whole day therein. A Constant Fire of Small Arms was kept up all Night upon the Head of the Enemy's Trench by our Seapoys. About 8 oClock at Night the Commanding Officer detached a Serjeant and Eight Men with orders to march along the Sea Side till he opened the end of their Trench then to give their fire and return but he staid to give them three discharges and returned without any Accident to his Party. About twelve oClock at Night the Commanding Officer detached a Serjeant and twelve Grenadiers with the like orders which they executed but lost one Man, killed.

About five oClock this Afternoon a Sally was made upon the Enemys Trenches with an Officer and thirty Voluntiers with Arms, and an Officer and thirty of the Pioneer Company without Arms. The Officer Commanding the Party with Arms drove the Enemy before him and entered their place of Arms at the foot of the Glacis and the Pioneers destroyed some of their Works. After they had been out about ten Minutes observing the Enemys Trenches filling with Armed Men our Party was ordered to return to give room for our Artillery to play upon the Enemy. In this Sally We had two Serjeants Killed and two Men wounded.

The Working Party this Night, and the Work performed is as follows Viz^t.

Lieut^t. Eiser and Lieut^t. Stevenson Engineers.

	Ser.	P.
of the Pioneer Company	1	12
Seapoys	2	111

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Embrasures and Parapets of this Work were repaired.

BARRIER OF THE ROYAL BASTION.

A Traverse begun and nearly finished behind the Pallisades and the Gates adjoining the Mint Bastion repaired.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

a Bolt and piece of a 10 Inch Mortar Bed, broke.

MILITARY.

[K.] [W.]

KINGS.

1 of Major Breretons Company.
2 of Capt Fells . . . D^o.

COMPANYS.

1 of Capt. Beaverse [*sic*] Company.
1 of Capt. Campbells D^o.
2 1 of Capt. Monchanins D^o.

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[M.] [W.] SEAPOYS.

1 of Anass Sings Company.
1 of Vencatachilum Company.
4 of Trimail Nacks D^o.
1 of Adam Cawns D^o.

DESERTED.

1 of Vencatachilums Company.
2 of Shaik Ismails.
2 Stand of Arms broke by Shot.

INTELLIGENCE.

At Noon a Note was received from a Moorman at S^t. Thomé (who has sent us in Intelligence at times before) dated this day, an exact Translation of which follows.

Yesterday our House People who came out of the Fort arrived Safe at S^t. Thomé. Yesterday the Seapoys and others were at S^t. Thomé, were all sent away thither (i:e: to the Black Town) and it is Strongly reported that the whole Force of Seapoys and Europeans are to make an Assault upon the Fort either this Night or tomorrow Night; You must be upon your Guard. After the Assault if they carry the place, well; if not they will move off. Be well, very well upon your Guard. I have wrote this for your Information. Success attend you.

Monday the 22^d January 1759.—The Enemy did not advance their Approaches last Night but Worked at raising their Second Crochet, and third ZigZag and thickening the Head of their Sap on the Ridge of the Glacis. in the Afternoon they fired several Roundsfrom their Guns to the Southward.

Working Party and the Work Performed.

Capt. Lieut. Leigh and Ensign Cotsford Engineers.	off.	Ser.	Private.
Pioneer Company	1	3	57
Seapoys . . 2	„	2	100

During the day 1 Serjeant and 12 Men were employed in filling Sand Bags in the North East Angle of the Covered way and carrying them to the Several Works for Covering the Musketeers, Also in making a Traverse before the Gate of the Pallisade between the Royal Bastion and low Curtain with the Assistance of some Seapoys.

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets were repaired and the Embrasures put in a Condition to fire with three Guns.

DEMI BASTION.

The Parapets, two Embrasures and one Platform repaired and Sand Bags placed on the Parapets.

NORTH RAVELIN.

One Platform repaired and Sand Bags placed on the Parapets

SECOND CURTAIN OR THE OLD NORTH CURTAIN.

A Traverse made before the Gate with Gabions and the Earth taken from under the West Flank of the Demi Bastion to fill them.

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Killed.	Wounded.	
		CASUALTIES.
		ARTILLERY.
		Demi Bastion.
1		Matross of the Companys.
		Embrasures parapets and platforms much damaged.
		Royal Bastion.
	1	Matross of the Companys.
		Embrasures & parapets out of Repair.
		North Ravelin.
	2	Matrosses by a shell which disabled also a 12-lb^r. Carriage.
		North East Bastion.
		Embrasures so much damaged as to oblige our fire to Slacken.
		MILITARY.
		KINGS.
1		of Colonel Drapers Company.
		COMPANYS.
	1	of Major Poliers Company.
	1	of Capt Scaubs [*sic*] Company.
1		of Capt Smiths Company.
	1	of Capt Greig's Company.
	1	of the Coffrey Company.
		SEAPOYS.
2		1 of Aboo Mahomed's Company & 1 of Burra Lingues.
	1	European Serjeant of Seapoys.
	8	2 of Meer Abdul Cawder's & 6 of Aboo Mahomed's.
		7 Deserted, Viz^t. 4 of Paer Naik's, 1 Naik of Mahomud Esub's & 2 Tom Poms of Ranga Bouch Naig's.

At Night received Letters from Capt Preston & Usoff Cawn at Lallapetta dated the 19^th. advicing that Abdul Vahab Cawn has joined them and that they are marching this Way with all Expedition and hope soon to be hear [*sic*]. See the Appendix.

From Captain Preston	N^o. 181
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This Afternoon a Country Snow came in from the North East and Anchored near the French Ships.

INTELLIGENCE—At Night received a Letter from M^r. Brooke at Pulicat who writes that M^r. S^t. Paul (the French Resident there) has acquainted the Baron Van Eck Chief of that Settlement, that he has received a Letter from Mazulipatam dated 14 Inst^t. which says that the English Ships at that place have been ordered from thence to Yanam where they are taking the Troops aboard, but whether for Bengal or Fort S^t. George is not known. M^r. Brooke further advises that the Cuddalore Schooner Spoke with a ship in the Offing which proved to be the Ganges Capt Duncan from Bengal laden with Stores for M^r. Pocock that upon being informed of our Situation he immediately stood out to

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Sea in order to make the best of his way to the Admiral, he brings advice that the Warren was to Sail from Bengal the 20th. Instant with a part of the Kings Battalion for this place, Capt Duncan also touched at Vizagapatam but brings no News from thence, and called also at Mazulipatam the 16th. and left there the Hardwick with two or three Small English Vessells & one or two Dutch Vessells. This disagrees with Mr. St. Pauls' Advice abovementioned of the 14th.

Also at Night received a Letter from Ensign Deyman Commanding Officer at Chingleput which contains nothing Material but that he dispatched a Hircar the 13th: Instant with Letters from Major Callaud. These Letters have never reached Us.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Hircar from St. Thomé and the French Camp reports that at the Former place they have a very small Number of European and Seapoys At the Garden House about Sixty Europeans and five or Six Companys of Seapoys of which the greatest part are posted at their Battery by the Hutts beyond the Bar. That the General Talk in the Enemys Camp is of an Assault intended against the Town & that they have a Body of Country Horse at the Mount. The Hircar who brought the abovementioned Letter from Chingleput reports, that Mons. Lambert with 500 Horse & 2,000 Seapoys from Sadrass arrived near Chingleput by the way of Tercachyconam on the 19th. That as he passed by the Mount he saw a party of the Enemy Country Force he Judges about 600 Horse and 1,000 Europeans and passing thro' St. Thomé, he saw a few Europeans and Seapoys there.

This being the 42 day since We have been shut up in our Garrison, the following Weekly Returns are made,

General Return of the Garrison	No. 183
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General Acct. of Military Stores expend. since the 15 & remains. this day	185
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Tuesday the 23d January 1759.—Last Night the Commanding Officer about 8 oClock observing that the Enemy were planting a fresh row of Gabions parallel to their last Approach and about 25 Yards nearer to the Crest of the Glacis ordered a Serjeant & 12 Grenadiers to the Palmira Stockade to keep a Constant fire upon their Workmen, these were releived by Seapoys and another party sent to the Saliant Angle who kept up a Constant fire the Whole night, and parties of Grenadiers were sent out everyhour by the Sea side to fire upon the Enemys Rear, But Notwithstanding a Constant fire from our Cannon Mortars & Musketry the Enemy advanced their Sap very near the Saliant Angle and formed a Return with empty Gabions almost Parallel to the East Face of the covered Way they also opened a Battery of three Guns in their third ZigZag on the Glacis with an intent to Fire on the Right face of our North Ravelin but their Battery was so badly Constructed that they could bring but one Gun to bear on it.

The Working party this Night and the Work performed is as follows Viz. Lieut. Eiser and Lieut. Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	4	57
Seapoys	,,	2	100

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets of three Embrasures Repaired.

NORTH RAVELIN [*sic*].

The Parapets of three Embrasures repaired.

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ROYAL BASTION.

The Blind behind the Flank raised and thickened.

About Midnight Part of the Pioneer Comp^y. were sent out to Oversett the Enemys Gabions which Greatly interrupted our Work for the rest of the Night.

[Killed.] [Wounded.]

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

1 Gunner of the Kings Artillery.

Royal Bastion.

1 Lascar.

1 24-lb^r. Carriage disabled.
Embrasures & Traverses want Repair.

North Ravelin.

2 Matross.
All the Embrasures so much damaged that it is impossible to Work the Guns, one Shot from the Enemy Grand Battery went thro the Major part of the Merlon.

MILITARY.

1 Ensign Belton.
1 Cent^l. of Capt Pascalls.
1 1 of the Coffry Company.
1 Marine.

SEAPOYS.

1 Serjeant.
2 of Sanderbands Company.
1 Deserted of Annass Sing's.

This Evening Dispatched Hircars with the undermentioned Letters as in the Appendix.

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To Abdul Vahab Cawn		189
To M^r. Deymon		190

At Night after the dispatch of the abovementiond Letters a Hircar brought in a Letter from Capt Preston and one from Usoff Cawn advising that they are on their March this way and expect to be at Treveloor as [*sic*] this day, and when they come within a day's March of Us they will determine what rode to take and Write Us. That they have two thousand Horse with them of which 600 are Morattoes and are to be joined in 8 days by 3000 Morattoes from Radjah Row and that Govendoss has promised to lend the Company 60000 Rupees to pay them when they arrive at Vellour. See the Appendix.

From Captain Preston	N^o.	191
From Usoff Cawn		192

INTELLIGENCE.

The Moorman at S^t. Thomé writes that three days ago M^r. Lally's Dubash informed him that the English Squadron Passed Calicut 26 days ago and is expected here.

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Wednesday 24^th: January 1759.—Last Night the Enemy attempted to push their Gabions close to our Covered Way, but some of our Men Posted there oversett many and rolled them into the Sea, others they pulled in between the Glacis and Pallisade, so that their Work this Morning appeared far from Compleat and many Gabions left unfilled.

The Working party this Night and the Work performed is as follows Viz^t.

Capt. Lieut. Leigh & Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	3	56
Seapoys	„	1	70

NORTH EAST BASTION.

Three Embrasures repaired.

FASCINE BATTERY.

lengthed [*sic*] towards the Sea and Sand Bags laid on the Top.

NORTH RAVELIN.

The Embrasures of this Work repaired and a Quantity of Earth cleared from the face below.

CAPONIERE.

Many Shell Holes filled in with Earth taken from the foot of the Demy Bastion and a Banquet behind the Blind opposite the Gate of the Caponiere made from the same place.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		Demi Bastion.
1		Gunner of the Royal Artillery.
		The Embrasures Platforms & Parapets want repair.
		North Ravelin.
	1	Gunner of the Royal Artillery.
	1	Matross . . . D^o.
		Three Embrasures Unserviceable & 1 very much out of repair
		North East Bastion.
	1	24-lb^r. Gun disabled.
		The Works very much damaged.

MILITARY.

KINGS.

	1	of Col^l. Draper's Company.
2		of Major Brereton's Company.
1	2	of Capt. Fell's Company.

COMPANY'S.

	3	of Capt Beaver's Company.
1		of Capt Joseph Smith's Company.
	1	of Capt Donald Campbell's Company.
	1	of Capt Charles Campbell's Company.
	1	of Capt Rich^d. Smith's Company.

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Killed.	Wounded.	SEAPOYS.
1		Serjeant.
	2	One of Mulla Naick's & one of Moganie's Company.
	4	Subedar's, Abdul, Gunny & Trimal Naick, One Gimidar of Trimal Naick's & 1 Seapoy of Shak Imamodeen's.
		20 Stand of Arms broke by Shot & Shells.

In the Evening dispatched Letters to Capt Preston and Usoff Cawn acknowledging the Receit of their Letters of the 22^d. mentioned in this Journal Yesterday and acquainting them that Wee shall keep a look out for their Signals and leave it to them to take what Rout they think best from the Intelligence they may receive of the Enemy's Strength & Motions. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston	N^o. 193
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At Night a Hircar brought in a Letter from Capt. Joseph Smith at Trichenopoly dated the 15^th. Instant advising that he has Receď a Letter from the Chief of Anjengo acquainting him that our Ships with Forces for this place Sailed from thence the 31^st: Decem^r. he also mentions the Nabobs arrival at Trichenopoly the 3^d. Instant. See the Appendix N^o. 195.

INTELLIGENCE.

Some Parties of the Enemy both European & Country were seen at different times in the day crossing Egmore plain to the Southward. In the Evening several Hircars came in from the Enemys Camp and all agreed in a Report, that they have a Design to make an Assault upon the Fort this Night, That the News of our Ships leaving the Malabar Coast and the Approach of Usoff Cawn had determined them to this Attempt. Some of the Harcars say they saw their Men served with Drams and a Number of Hand Grenades prepaired for that purpose.

Upon this Intelligence the Whole Garrison was ordered to lay by their Arms at their Several Alarm Posts, And the Company's Servants and Inhabitants did the same.

Thursday the 25^th January 1759.—About 10 oClock last Night a Trooper who was patroling to the South ward, Deserted with his Horse, upon which the Parole was changed.

In the Evening the Commanding Officer sent a Party of a Serjeant and ten Men from the Guard at the North East Blind, to take post at the Palmira Stockade with orders to Annoy the Enemy in case they Attempted to make any new Approch. they remained in quiet possession some time, till about seven oClock the Enemy advanced up a Body of about 40 or 50 Men, upon which our Party retired, and were again sent out with a Serjeant and ten Grenadiers to support them, just as they were going out upon the Sortie the Serjeant of Grenadiers was Shot, upon which the party was ordered to return. A Constant Fire was kept all Night of Cannon, Mortars & Musketry upon the Enemy's Works, but they notwithstand^g. pushed their Approaches from the Ridge of the Glacis quite to the Palmira Stockade, in a Line almost Parallel to the Covered way and made a Return behind the Stockade down to the Surf, which they worked hard at all day in spite of all the Interruption We could give them.

At two oClock in the Afternoon a Sally was made by the Guard of the North East Blind with Arms, the Grenadiers in Reserve being ready to support them, and a Party of the Pioneers, consisting of an Officer, one Serjeant, one Corporal,

and twenty Men without Arms, with an intent to destroy the Enemy's Works, The Party with Arms gained the Enemy's Trenches and the Pioneers fell to Work; but a Considerable Body of the Enemy coming to support their advanced Guard our party was order'd to retire. In this Sally Capt Black and Lieut$^{t.}$ Fitzpatrick were wounded, One Serjeant and two Men killed, and two Men wounded.

The Working Party this Night and the Work performed is, as follows Viz$^{t.}$ Lieut$^{t.}$ Eiser and Lieut. Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	3	57
Seapoys	,,	1	75

NORTH EAST BASTION.

Three Embrasures on this Work repaired and the Guns put in them.

FASCINE BATTERY.

The Parapet raised and extended quite into the Surf and the Embras[ures] repaired with 1000 Sand Bags.

SEA GATE BATTERY.

The Great Gate closed with Brick Rubbish within, and without, and the small Gate on the South Side of it opened by removing the Wall from before it, The Brick Parapet of the Flank having been ruined by fire from the Enemy's North (or Lally's) Battery was taken down to the Cells of the Embrasures and the Gabions placed on the Face being emptied of their Sand, were refilled.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		Royal Bastion & Demi Bastion.
		Parapets & Embrasures much damaged.
		North Ravelin.
1		Matross of the Royal Artillery.
	1	Bombardier } D$^{o.}$
	1	Matross }
		North West Lunette.
	1	Seaman.
		North East Bastion.
	1	Matross.
		1 9-lb$^{r.}$ Gun burst.

MILITARY.

	3	Marines & 1 deserted.

COMPANY'S.

	1	Serjeant of Major Polier's.
2		Cent$^{l.}$ of Capt Schaub's.
	2	Capt Black & one Cent$^{l.}$ of his Company.
	1	Cent$^{l.}$ of Major Caillaud's.
	1	D$^{o.}$ of Capt Pascall's.
	3	Lieu$^{t.}$ Fitzpatrick & 2 Centinel's of Capt. Charles Campbell's.
3		Cent$^{l.}$ of Capt Charles Campbell's.
1	1	D$^{o.}$ of Capt Gurtler's.
	1	D$^{o.}$ of Capt Grieg's.

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Killed.	Wounded.	SEAPOYS.
1		Serjeant.
3		1 Havildar of Muginas & 2 Seapoys of Mulla Naicks.
	13	1 of Patta Vencatachilums: 4 of Shaik Immonadeens, 1 of Shaik Smale 2 of Russel Cawn 1 of Abdina & 4 of Mulla Naiks.

At Night received a Letter from Capt Preston dated the 22^d. acknowledging the Receit of those wrote him the 14^th. 16^th. & 20^th. See the Appendix N^o. 196.

INTELLIGENCE.

The Harcar who brought the abovementioned Letter says that he passed by the Mount and that the Enemy have their about 500 Horse and 600 Seapoys, under the Command of Mons^r. Lambert and Muzepher Beg, And that Usoff Cawn ordered him to tell the Governour that he would come with his Army on the side of Tandore or the Moor's Mosque to the Northward of Muttal Pettah.

About 10 oClock in the forenoon a large Smoke was seen to the Westward and at Night a large Fire supposed to be Usoff Cawn's Signals and they are judged to be near the Village of Coembeda about 6 Miles off, several Parties of the Enemy's Horse crossed Egmore plain towards the Southward. A Snow from the Southward came in this day under French Colours & Anchored with the Enemy's other Ships.

Friday the 26^th January 1759.—Last Night the Enemy carried on their Approach [es] from the Ridge of the Glacis on the North East Saliant Angle in a Line, almost Parallel, to the North Face of the Covered way and about 70 feet in length, at the end of which they made a Return or Boyeau to cover their Flank. By this Night's Work the Saliant Angle of the Covered way was wholly embraced.

The Working party and the Work performed this Night Viz^t.
Capt Lieut Liegh & Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneer Company	1	3	43
Seapoys	„	1	90

NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapet and three Embrasures repaired.

NORTH RAVELIN.

Two Embrasures and Merlons repaired with 400 Sand Bags.

ROYAL BASTION.

Three Embrasures repaired in the East Flank and many Sand Bags left there filled.

SEA GATE REDOUT.

The Parapet of the North Flank repaired and Embrasures made for three Guns, which were mounted and placed in them. A Ditch was also begun and near half finished under the South Flank.

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CASUALTIES.

Killed.	Wounded.	
		ARTILLERY.
		Demi Bastion.
		The Embrasures and Parapets want repair.
		Royal Bastion.
1		Gunner of the Royal Artillery.
	1	Matross . . D^o.
		North Ravelin.
	1	Gunner of the Royal Artillery.
	1	Corporal . . . . D^o.
	1	Gunner of the Company's Artillery.
		North East Bastion.
	1	24-lb^r. Carriage disabled.
		Fascine Battery.
		Carriage of a Howitz disabled.

MILITARY.

KINGS.

	1	of Col^l. Draper's Company.

COMPANY'S.

	1	Drum Major of Capt Beaver's.
	1	Cent^l. of Capt Innis's.
	1	Lieutenant Lang, of Capt Charles Campbell's.
	1	Lieutenant Little lost his left Arm.
	1	Invalide.
		1 Cent^l. of Capt. Richard Smith's missing since the Morning.

SEAPOYS.

	3	Naiks. 1 of Burro Sings. 1 of Rango Naicks & 1 of Provos Cawns.
5		2 of Sido Godowns. 2 of Provos Cawns & 1 of Orson Cawns.
	3	1 of Russell Cawns. 1 of Meer Abdul Cawders & 1 of Shaik Imamodeens.
		2 Firelocks broke.

This Evening Letters were dispatched by Cattamaran to M^r. Brooke at Pulicat to be forwarded from thence to Admiral Pocock, to the Select Committes [*sic*] at Bombay and Bengal to advisé them of our present Situation and of the immediate danger We are exposed to by the unaccountable deviation of the Succours intended for this Coast and the long detention of those with M^r. Tiddeman at Bombay, and of the Warren at Bengal, so much longer than, We Apprehend, could be necessary. That Notwithstanding We are thus left unsupported We hope still that our Efforts will be crowned with Success, but even if We should be so fortunate, as our loss of Men & Expence of Ammunition has been very great, and all the Country round has been so ravaged that We Apprehend a famine

must ensue, We desire (both Bombay & Bengal) to send Us as large Reinforcement of Men and supplies of Warlike Stores as they can Possibly Spare to enable Us to make head against the Reinforcements the Enemy expect this Year, and large Quantities of Provisions. See the Appendix.

To the Select Committee at Bombay	N°. 197
To Admiral Pocock	... 198
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Saturday the 27th January 1759.—Nothing remarkable happened last Night A Constant fire was kept as usual upon the Enemy's Works, and Centries were advanced every Quarter of an hour from the Blind by the North East Bastle and from the Traverse from the Ravelin sometimes to the Saliant Angle of the Covered way to observe whether the Enemy were engaged in any new Works. The Enemy this Night threw Most of their Shells at the Works, It does not Appear this morning that they made any advance in their Approaches in the Night, but they seem to be raised and made somewhat more Substantial near the Crest of the Glacis.

The Working party this Night and the Work performed Viz^{t}.
Lieut. Eiser & Lieut. Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	48
Seapoys	„	1	80

North Ravelin.

The Parapet, Embrasures, & Merlons, of the Right Face were filled up & the Earth cleared from the foot of the Work; the Traverse on the Right which closes the Communication with the Covered Way and has a field piece behind it was also repaired.

North East Saliant Angle.

The opening under the rounding of the Counterscarp intended for a Communication to a Gallery, but Stoped with Brick Work, was opened with an intent to push a Mine if possible, under the Enemy's Lodgment on the Crest of the Glacis.

Sea Gate Battery.

A Serjeant & 12 Men with the Assistance of Some Boat Men & Seapoys were employed in filling up the useless Embrasures, repairing the Embrasures of the South Flank & digging a ditch before it in which a Pallisade was fixed.

Casualties.

Artillery.

Demi Bastion.

Embrasures Parapets & Platforms want repair.

Royal Bastion.

Embrasures on the North & West Fronts very bad.

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Killed. Wounded.

Mint Bastion.

The Wheel of a 9-lb$^{r.}$ Carriage disabled.

North Ravelin.

1 Gunner
1 Matross } of the Royal Artillery.
1 Lascar
1 Additional Gunner.

Fascine Battery.

1 Gunner of the Royal Artillery.

MILITARY.

1 of Capt Joseph Smith's Company.
1 of Capt Monchanin's Company.
1 of Capt Gurtler's Company.
1 Europ. } of Capt Greig's Company.
1 Topass

SEAPOYS.

1 of Muller Naiks.
1 Jemidar of Sandarabands.
4 Seapoy. 1 of Patta Vencatachilum's. 2 of Moganys & 1 of Devan Saib's.
5 Stand of Arms broke.

Letters were dispatched this Evening by a Hircar to Capt Preston and Usoff Cawn acquainting them of our having observed the Smoke & Fire mentioned in this Journal the 25$^{th.}$ but that We have received no Letters from them and are anxious to know their Intentions. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston ... ... } N$^{o.}$ 200
The same to Usoff Cawn ... ...

After the abovementioned Letters were dispatched, the following were brought in by Hircars as in the Appendix.

2. From Usoff Cawn dated the 23 ... ... N$^{o.}$ 201
From Capt. Preston ... ... 203 [202]
From Usoff Cawn 203
From Abdul Vahab Cawn 204

by which it appears that they were at Terpossore the 25$^{th.}$ so that the Smoke and Fire observed that day could not be their Signal & it is supposed that the Enemy may have got Intelligence of the appointed Signal by intercepted Letters, (some from Capt. Preston Being missing) and have made Smoke to deceive Us; several very remarkable being observed Yesterday in different places & again to day. Several large Bodys of Horse were seen at different times this day coming from the Southward to Egmore, supposed to be the Forces the Enemy had sent to the Mount to oppose Usoff Cawn, but hearing of his March another way returned, some of them filed off towards Capt. Maskelyne's Garden. In the Afternoon a Ship appeared in the North East but distant, and Night coming on before she was near enough to show her colours, it is not known what she is.

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Sunday the 29th January 1759.—The Enemy did not last Night apparently advance their Approaches and were extremely Silent in their Trenches.

Working party and Work performed Vizt.

Capt Lieut Leigh and Ensign Cotsford Engineers

	off.	Ser.	Priv.
Working party	1	4	48
Seapoys	,,	1	60

CAPONIERE.

The Pasage of the Coponiere to and from the North Ravelin being much exposed to the Enemy's Lodgment on the North East Angle of the Covered way, the greater part of the Pioneers & Seapoys were employed to raise the Right hand face with Fascines and Earth.

GALLERY UNDER THE COVERED WAY.

An Engineer, one Serjeant and Eight Men were employed in carrying on this Work which they advanced about ten feet.

SEA GATE BATTERY.

During the day a Serjeant and 12 Men with some Cooleys were employed in filling up the useless Embrasures, repairing the South Flank and clearing the Battery of such Lumber as might impede the Defence.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Killed. Wounded.

Demi Bastion.

Embrasures, Parapets & Platforms much out of repair, observed that the Enemy have brought two Mortars to their New four Gun Battery.

Royal Bastion.

1 Lascar.
3 Matross.

Embrasures all want of repair.

North Ravelin.

A Platform, Carriage of the Howitzer, & the Magazine damag'd by shells from the Enemy; the two first disabled, The Enemy fired this morning from their New Battery with 3 Guns, about Nine o Clock they fired only with 2, & about 10 o Clock with no more than 1, and between 12 & 2 the Gun in their 4th. Embrasures, from the right, was disabled.

North East Bastion.

The two Nine Pounder Guns cannot be depressed sufficiently to bear on the Enemy's Trenches with Round Shot.

MILITARY.

2 of Capt Beaver's.
2 of Capt Monchanins.
1 1 of Charles Campbell's.
2 Ensign Schomberg & a Centinel of Capt Pascalls.

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[Killed]. [Wounded].

SEAPOYS.

1 Serjeant.
8 1 Seapoy of Meer Abdul Caders. 3 Havildars & 3 Seapoys of Seid Godowns. 1 Seapoy of Vencatachilum.
3 Stand of Arms broke by a Shell.

Three hundred Seapoys were Ordered for a Sally at five o Clock this morning on the Enemy's Battery to the Southward, but day light, being too far broke they were discovered when they had got as far as the Choultry and fired upon by the Enemy, on which they were ordered back.

This morning Received Letters from Capt Preston, Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn advising that they wait only for some Seapoys & Stores from Chingleput and then purpose to march directly to the Black Town. See the Appendix.

2 From Capt. Preston ... ... N°. 205
From Abdul Vahab Cawn 206
From Usoff Cawn 207

In the Evening Letters were dispatched to Capt. Preston, Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn advising them, that as their intended Attack upon the Black Town may be attended with great difficulty, all the Streets being Barracaded, such an Attempt Should be Seconded by a General Sally from the Garrison and as it may be difficult for both to be apprised of the fixed time and plan of such an Attack it is adviseable to effect a Junction, that Measures may be Concerted for that purpose with exactitude, advising them from the present Motions of the Enemy to march round in the Night by the Choultry plain & Marmelon to S^t. Thomé. See the Appendix.

To Capt Preston ... ... N°. 208
To Abdul Vahab Cawn 209
To Usoff Cawn 210

Several remarkable Smokes were seen this day to the Westward supposed to be made by the Enemy on purpose to deceive Us. Their European and Black Horse were drawn up this Morning by Egmore Powder House, Their European Grey Horse in the Center, Troopers on their Right and Left and their Black Horse on the Wings, in which posture they remained the greatest part of the forenoon and then some parties moved to Capt Maskelyne's House, some remained at Egmore. This Evening the Enemy drew off one of their Guns from the Southward.

Mondoy the 29th January 1759.—The Enemy did not Apparently during the night Work at their Approaches but about one in the Afternoon they were observed throwing up Earth thro a small Hole near the Banquet at the head of the Ramp on the Eastern Covered way under which they were making a Descent from the Palmira Stockade into the Dry Ditch or else carrying on a Gallery with an intent to blow up the Counterscarp and were discovered by the Accidental falling in of the Earth.

Working party and work performed Viz^t.
Lieut Eiser & Lieut^t. Stevenson Engineers

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
The Pioneers	1	4	48
Seapoys	„	2	75

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Parapets and Embrasures repaired for three Guns.

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NORTH RAVELIN.

During the day some Pioneers were employed in raising & Repairing the Saliant Angle and in the Night the Parapet and Embrasures of the right Face were thoroughly repaired.

CAPONIERE.

The raising of the right Face with Fascines was compleated the whole length.

GALLERY UNDER THE COVERED WAY.

An Engineer a Serjeant and 12 Men were employed all Night to push on this Work but the Sand being extremely lose [*sic*] and lately filled in gave the people great trouble to support it, and at last by the Shock of a Shell a great Quantity fell in and opened the Covered way, to clear which employed the people all Night.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Royal Bastion.

The Embrasures out of repair.

West Front.

1 9-lb^{r}. Gun & Carriage disabled on the N. W. Ravelin.

The Embrasures on Pigot's & Lawrences Bastion & on the N. W. Ravelin are very much out of repair.

Killed.	Wounded.	MILITARY.
	1	Serjeant of Capt Scaubs [*sic*].
1	1	Serjeants of Capt Donald Campbells.
1		Corporal of Capt Monchanins.
		2 Centinels of Capt Monchanins Deserted.

SEAPOYS.

3 1 of Facquir Mahomeds, 1 of Divan Saibs & 1 Naig of Burra Sings.
3 Firelocks broke.

At Night a Hircar came in with Letters from Capt^{n}. Preston & Usoff Cawn of the 28th. and a Short one from Capt Preston of the 29th. acknowledging the Receit of that which was dispatch'd to him last Night, but he defers his answer to it. See the Appendix.

From Capt Preston	N^{o}. 211
From Usoff Cawn	212

Several large Smokes were again seen to the Westward and inclining to the Northward, the Enemys Horse were drawn up in a Line Upon the plain to the Westward of the Missionarys Church at Vipare and afterwards filed off in different parties into the Topes and some remained at Maskelyne's Garden. A Number of Cooleys were observed from the Steeple carrying Planks into the Enemys Trenches for Platforms.

This being the 49th. day since We have been shut up in our Garrison the following Weekly Returns are made.

General Return of the Garrison...	N^{o}. 213
General Acc^{t}. of provisions expended since the 22^{d} & remaining this day	214
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Tuesday the 30th January 1759.—There was not to Appearance any Advances made last Night in the Enemys Approaches, but by the great Silence in there Trenches and the Plank which was observed to be carried thither, it is imagined they are erecting a Battery on the East or North Face of the Covered way if not on both.

Working party and Work performed Viz^t.
Capt. Lieut. Leigh and Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	48
Seapoys	„	2	63

DEMI BASTION.

The Earth on the Face and Flank which had fallen down & made almost an easy ascent was great part of it levelled.

FASCINE BATTERY.

This Work was repaired with Sand Bags and Fascines particularly the Merlon next the sea which was nearly ruined.

MINE.

A Corporal and Six during the day, and a Serjeant and 12 in the Night were employed in carrying on the Gallery.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

The Cells of the Embrasures are too high on the side next the sea for the Guns to bear on the Beach.

[Killed.]	[Wounded.]	
		Royal Bastion.
	2	*North Ravelin.*
		The Embrasures want repair.
		Pigot's Bastion.
	1	18-lb^r. Axel tree band broke.

MILITARY.

	1 of Capt. Beavers.
1	of Capt. Monchanins. And 1 Deserted.
	1 of Capt Pascalls.
	2 of Capt Greigs.
	1 Serjeants } Cap Gurtlers.
	1 Corporal }
	1 Marine.

SEAPOYS.

3	1 Havildar & 2 Seapoys.
2	1 Jemidar of Adam Cawns & 1 Seapoy of Aboo Mahomud.

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About Eleven oClock in the forenoon a Sail appeared in the S. E., The French Frigate hoisted an English Jack at her Main top Mast head, and made ready for sailing, as did also the Harlem, The Frigate at this time lay abreast of the North East Bastion but out of the reach of our Guns, and the Harlem abreast of Lallys Battery. about 3 oClock in the Afternoon the Ship had worked so far in, that We could distinguish her Colours to be a Blue Ensign and a Pendant, and thereupon as well as by her appearance judging it probable that she might be a Companys Ship a Cattamaran was sent off with a Letter to the Commander acquainting him of our being beseiged, that the two Ships in the Road are French the one a Frigate of 20 Guns, the other an old Dutch Indiaman taken by them, that as the supplies he may have on board especially Military may be of great Service he must run all risques to get into the Road, and if the Enemys Ships should Attempt to oppose him, he must make a running fight and Anchor under the Guns of the Fort between the Sea Gate Battery and the Southermost Bastion and acquainting him also that two or three Massoolah Boats should be sent off with some seamen left here by the Squadron. After the Cattamaran was dispatched the Governour sent for the petty Officers and Seamen belonging to the two Frigates which were run ashore off S$^{t.}$ David (these are the same people spoken of in this Journal the 17 December,) and proposed to them to go off in Boats to assist to bring in the Ship and to defend her, in case she Should be Attacked, but they desired to be excused, saying they did not chuse to go off to a Merchant Ship, A Boat was however dispatched and the Governour thought proper to send off M$^{r.}$ Alexander Dalrymple the Sub Secretary that he might give the Commander all Necessary information with a Verbel Order to acquaint the Commander (if the Ship Should prove an English one) to hoist four Lights in the Shrouds, and that We should hoist three Lights at our Flag Staff, as a Guide for the Ship to Anchor. Night came on before the Cattamaran or Boat reached the Ship & our Lights were hoisted accordingly, about ten o Clock the Cattamaran returned with a Letter from Capt Cornelius Inglis, by which We had the pleasure to learn that the Ship is the Shaftesbury from Bombay with 31 Sick Men of the Kings Battalion on board that he left that place the 18$^{th.}$ December in Company of the Queenborough Man of war of 20 Guns, the Revenge (Companys Frigate) of 20 Guns, the Winchelsea, Britannia, Prince of Wales, and Tillbury which Ships have Colonel Drapers 6 Companys on board that they parted from off Zeylon the 7$^{th.}$ Instant and may be hourly expected. before the Cattamaran returned We observed several Guns fired in the Offing. about 11 o Clock the Boat returned with M$^{r.}$ Dalrimple who informed us that the French Frigate had run close up to the Shaftesbury upon which the latter fired a broad side into the Frigate which she returned immediately droped to Leeward, and the Shaftesbury came in and Anchored under our Guns. The Letter sent off to Capt. Inglis & his answer are entered in the Appendix Viz$^{t.}$

To the Commander of the Ship coming in...				...	N$^{o.}$ 217
From Captain Inglis	...	...	...	...	218

Upon the receit of the Letter from Capt Inglis a Hircar was dispatched immediately to Capt Preston with the News & pressing him to Attempt the plan agreed on. See the Appendix N$^{o.}$ 219.

The Enemys Black Troops and European Cavalry have been in motion again this day to the Westward, their Main Body is at Capt$^{n.}$ Maskelynes Garden.

Wednesday the 31st January 1759.—A Constant fire of Small Arms was kept up all Night as usual upon the Enemys Trenches from the Demiplace of Arms and from the Covered way of the North Ravelin and every half hour hand Grenades were thrown into their Trenches and Centrys advanced along the Covered way towards the Saliant Angle. This morning the Enemy opened four Embrasures in a Battery on the Crest of the Glacis before the Face of the Demi Bastion

with an intent to batter the Saliant Angle of that Work but after firing five or Six Rounds from three Guns which threw their Shot quite over the Fort the Enemy found our fire on them so Warm and their Battery so ill Constructed that they closed the Embrasures for the rest of the day.

Working party and Work performed.
Lieut. Eiser & Lieut Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	52
Seapoys	„	2	40

NORTH RAVELIN.

The Pallasades from the Traverses to the right and Left being much broke were repaired quite to the Coponiere.

LOWER CURTAIN.

The Banquets behind the Parapet were partly cleared of the Rubbish, a Banquet was made behind the Traverse opposite the Gate, and several Shell Holes filled up.

ROYAL BASTION.

The Embrasures of the East Flank were repaired.

MINES.

A Serjeant & 18 Men releiving by 6 at a time were employed Night and day to push the Gallery under the North Counterscarp, and it being imagined that the Enemy were carrying on a Gallery towards our blind from the Stockade. We began to open another in the Covered passage under the blind with an intent to meet them & prevent the Effects of theirs.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K. W.

Demi Bastion.

1 Matross of the Royal Artillery.
1 Additional of the Companys Artillery.
1 Ring bolt of a 13 Inch Mortar Bed broke.
Embrasures parapets & platforms out of repair.
Some Powder of the Enemys blew [*sic.*]

Royal Bastion.

1 24-lb^{r} Carriage broke.
All the Embrasures out of repair.

North East Bastion.

1 Matross of the Royal Artillery.

Fascine Battery.

1 Bombardier of the Royal Artillery.
1 Additional of Companys.
2 12-lb^{r} Carriages disabled.
The Embrasures want repair.

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MILITARY.

COMPANY'S.

K.	W.	
1		of Major Poliers.
1	1	of Capt Donald Campbells.
1		of Capt Charles Campbells.
	1	of Capt Greig's.

KING'S.

3 of Major Breretons.

SEAPOYS.

2 of Mulla Naiks Company.

As the French Frigate droped away to Leeward last Night after receiving one broad side from the Shaftesbury, it is imagin'd that the Enemy took her to be a Man of War, in Order therefore to continue them in that Opinion the Governour wrote off to Capt Inglis at 5 oClock this Morning that he would Salute him from the Fort with 13 Guns and directed him to keep his Blue Ensign and Pendant flying, which was done accordingly. As soon as the day broke, the Enemy began to fire from 1 Gun in their Trenches to the Northward and their two Gun Battery to the Southward, upon the Shaftesbury and some of their Shot took place which obliged her to go further out, of which Capt. Inglis acquainted the Governour by Letter. About 8 oClock an order was sent off to Capt Inglis to send ashore the hand Granades and Fuzes Consigned for this Settlement, but the Capt wrote for Answer that they were at the Bottom of the Ship and could not be got at without Lumbering the Guns, that however if he is judged to be in no danger of the French Ship's [*sic*] he will set to Work to get at them. The French Frigate now appeared again in the Offing a Considerable way to Leeward endeavouring to Work in and by 10 oClock had gained so much that it seemed probable she might fetch into the Road by Noon upon which the Governour wrote off to Capt. Inglis that he was Apprehensive the two French Ships would Attack him if he continued at the distant he then lay from our Guns and therefore that he judged it better for him to come close in, in little to the Northward of our Southermost Bastion, Promising to send him such Orders in the Evening as should appear necessary upon the Motions of the Enemys Ships and in the mean time desired his opinion whether he could with Safety weigh in the Night and proceed to Pulicat to which about 11 oClock he returned an answer That if the Frigate Should get in and the other Ship weigh to Attack him he will come in as directed and add that he thinks he could safely go to Pulicat where he could shift the Ship and come at every thing. Between two and three oClock the Frigate had got abreast of the Shaftesbury but out of Gun Shot then tack'd and Stood off near an hour, and then tacked and stood in again, during this interval of the Frigates tacking twelve Massoolah Boats went [were ?] sent off from the Black Town; supposed to have Men on board for the Frigate as they made Sail towards her and passed the Harlem, After the Frigate had Stood in again some time the Harlem was observed to be getting under Sail upon which the Governour wrote to Capt Inglis that he would have him take the first favourable Opportunity to Proceed to Pulicat and Wait there for further Orders or untill he Should be joined by the Warren or some other Companys Ships, but before this Letter could get off the Harlem was under Sail Also bearing down to the Shaftesbury who by this time was also under Sail and standing out to get a little Offing in order to fetch in to the Birth Assigned her under our Guns, accordingly after having stood out about a Quarter of an hour, she tacked and Stood in, ther [*sic*] Harlem at the same time bearing down towards her, but out of the reach of our Guns, they soon came abreast of each other and exchanged many Shot before the Shaftesbury got into her Birth, not

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one of which to all appearance took place on either side when the Shaftesbury Anchored, the Harlem Anchored also abreast of her barely within reach of our Guns, and the Frigate without the Harlem which last continued firing at the Shaftesbury till dark as did also the Enemys two Gun Battery to the Southward and one Gun from their Trenches to the Northward and several Shot from both these took place, Between five and Six oClock in the Evening Capt Inglis acquainted the Governour by Letter that he could now see no safety in going out and must depend on our Guns for protection that his Rigging is a good deal damaged and that he is of Opinion the Enemy will Attempt to board him in the Night adding that he has 37 Chests of Treasure on board on the Company's Account. To this Letter the Governour Returned an Answer that if the Enemys Ships should [depart?]from their present Station or the Land Wind give him (Capt Inglis) an Opportunity of getting out he would have him by all means proceed to Pulicat but if that Should not be practicable and the Enemy should make any Attempt it would be better to run the Ship ashore than suffer her to fall into the Enemys hands but not till the last extremety, and directed him to send all the Companys Treasure ashore. In Consequence of these directions all the Companys Treasure being 37 Chests were sent ashore and lodged in the Treasury Godown in the inner fort and Capt. Inglis at the same time wrote to the Governour that his Ship had received Several Shot between Wind and water and is much damaged in her rigging and so much exposed to the Enemys Batterys that he Apprehends they will sink her should he continue in his present Birth till day light; that he Apprehends great danger of being taken Should he put out, and therefore Desires positive orders either to make that Attempt or to run the Ship ashore that however Should he not receive any orders he is determined to way with the Land wind and fight his way thro the Ships, he adds that M^{r} Brown an Officer of Colonel Drapers Battalion had lost a Leg and an Arm by one of the Enemys Shot to which the Governour replied that he could only add to what he had already said that if he (Capt. Inglis) Should see less probability of escaping than of falling into the Enemy's hands should he weigh it would be by no means adviseable to Attempt it, but that he is of Opinion the Enemy cannot Sink the Ship tho' they may hurt her. The Several Letters which passed between the Governour & Capt^{n} Inglis on this Occasion are enter^{d} in the Append^{x} Viz^{t}

From the Governour to Capt. Inglis at 5 oClock A.M.	...	... N^{o} 220
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From the Governour to Capt. Inglis at 8 A.M. ...	...	... 222
From Capt. Inglis to the Governour at 10 A.M....	...	... 223
From the Gover^{r} to Capt. Inglis 10½ A.M. ..	...	... 224
From Capt. Inglis to the Governour past 11 A.M.	...	... 225
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From the Inglis to the Governour bet. 5 & 6 P.M.	...	... 227
From the Governour to Capt Inglis 7 P.M. ...	...	... 228
From Capt Inglis to the Gover^{r} ½ past 8 P.M. ..	...	... 229
From the Governour to Capt Inglis past 11 at Night	...	... 230

This morning a Hircar brought in two Letters one from Capt Preston the other from Usoff Cawn dated Yesterday only to advise that they intended to make their Attempt as that Night. See the Appendix.

From Capt^{n} Preston	...N^{o} 231
From Usoff Cawn	.. 232

The Hircar who was dispatched last Night with a Letter to Capt Preston being Stop'd by the Enemy's Centries made his escape and returned another Letter was therefore dispatch'd this Evening to Captain Preston as in the Appendix N^{o} 233.

The Enemys Horse appeared again to day on the Plain by Capt. Maskelynes Garden drawn up in a Line and Several parties of Foot appeared at times marching that way, by which it is imagined Capt. Preston and Usoff Cawn must be near at hand.

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Thursday the 1st February 1759.—The Enemy last Night made no Apparent advance in their Approaches but they endeavoured to lower the Embrasures of their Battery on the Crest of the Glacis and repaired the Merlons, however when they fired in the Morning their Shot flew over as before, upon which they soon closed the Embrasures of their Battery.

The Working Party and Work performed Viz^{t}·

Capt. Lieutenant Leigh Engineer—Ensign Cotsford Eng^{r}· Sick.

	Off.	Ser.	Pr.
Pioneer Company	1	3	51
Seapoys	,,	2	100

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Embrasures and parapets of the North Face were repaired.

FASCINE BATTERY.

Seven hundred Sand Bags were filled and the Breast Work carried a little further into the Surf.

CAPONIERE.

A Pallisade Gate was set up in the Passage from the lower Curtain to the Caponiere and a Pallisade run across the Gorge of the North Lunette to Secure that Work from a Surprize. The Fascines on the Right side which were beat down by the Enemys Shot and Shells were replaced.

MINES.

Twenty four Men and a Serjeant were employed in carrying on the Gallery towards the Enemys Battery on the North Glacis and push'd it under the Parapet of the Covered way. • Three Men with the Assistance of Some Blacks were at Work on the Gallery under the Blind.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K. W.

Demy Bastion.

A Centry Box with Sundry Small Stores blew up this Afternoon by a Shell from the Enemy.

The Enemy's Battery on the Angle of the Covered way Consisted of five Guns this morning which were Silenced in about two hours by the Guns & Mortars from the Garrison.

The Embrasures and Parapets want repair.

Royal Bastion.

The Embrasures on the North & West Faces want repair.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures & parapets want repair.

North East Bastion.

1 Matross of the Company.

All the Embrasures & 1 platforms want repair.

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K.	W.	
		East Front.
	1	24-lb^{r} Carriage disabled on the Gunner's Battery.

MILITARY.

KING'S.

	2	of Major Brereton's Company.

COMPANY'S

1		of Capt Beaver's.
	2	of Captain Scaub's [*sic.*]
	1	of Major Caillaud's.
1	1	of Capt. Pascalls.

SEAPOYS.

2	one of Sanderabands & One Mada Naiks Company.
	4 Seapoys of provos Cawns Company Deserted.

At day break the Enemy began to fire upon the Shaftesbury from their two Gun Battery to the Southward and two Guns from their Trenches to the Northward and continued firing at her all day but not so briskly from Nine oClock as in the beginning, many of their Shot Struck the Ship, The Harlem came something nearer in, and fired at the Shaftesbury the greatest [part?] of the morning but to very little purpose by reason of her great distance which made her Shots very uncertain, tho many of them flew into and Some over the Town, We fired at her from our Batterys but to all appearance few, if any, took place; early in the morning the Frigate weighed and Anchored again abrea[s]t of the Enemy's Southern Battery out of the reach of our Guns. At Seven oClock in the Morning an Officer came ashore from the Shaftesbury with a message to the Governour that the People are very unwilling to continue on board, as the Ship is so much exposed to the Enemy's Battery, upon which the Governour wrote to the Captain to encourage his people to Stay by the Ship, as in all probability the Enemy will Slacken their fire when they observe that they are little regarded and upon the arrival of our fleet which is hourly expected the French Ships must move off; and indeed as We have no Bomb proof places the people would be as much exposed to danger here from Shot & Shells as on board. This had the desired Effect for in an hour after, the Captain wrote to the Governour that all his people were determined to Stay by him to the last and adds that he had Received three Shot between Wind and Water. and in another Letter he mentions that his rigging is much hurt that his Mast is wounded and that the Enemy fire red hot Shot. See the Letters in the Appendix.

From the Governour to Capt. Inglis	...	...	...	N°. 234
From Capt. Inglis to the Governour	...	...	...	235
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In the Afternoon a Sail appeared Standing in from the Northward, and as advices had been sent to M^{r} Brooke the night of the Shaftesburys arrival that the Enemys Frigate had left the Road and that the Cuddalore Schooner might venture in, and the Vessell in the Offing by her Appearance being judged to be the Cuddalore a Cattamaran was dispatch'd with a Letter to Captain Baker the Master acquainting him that the Frigate is returned that the Shaftesbury lyes close under our Guns, but is much galled by the Enemys Fire, and directing him to return to Pulicat and wait the arrival of the other Ships. The Cattamaran returned at ten oClock at Night with a Note from Capt Baker signifying that he would punctually comply with the Orders sent him.

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The Hircar who was sent with a Letter to Capt. Preston yesterday returned again not being able to pass the Enemys Centries, another Letter was therefore dispatch'd to him this Evening as in the Appendix N°. 237.

The Enemys Horse were in Motion this day to the Westward, and by the haste with which some of their parties seem'd to move there is reason to beleive either that there has been some Action or that our Black Army is very near.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Seapoy sent out by Kersa Sing into the French Camp for Intelligence a Month ago returned to day and reports that the Enemy obliged him to Work on their Batterys and other Works, that it is generally said they have lost a great Number of men killed and wounded, that they are by all Opportunitys sending away the Plunder of the Black Town to Pondichery both by sea and Land that he made his escape this Morning to S^{t}. Thomé where he saw about One Company of Europeans and Some Seapoys at the Garden House he judges about three Companys of Europeans are posted to protect their Guns at the Bar. That a party of Seapoys with two Field Pieces have been sent to Trivitore to watch the Motions of Usoff Cawn, That the Enemy have hanged several of the Nabobs Hircars whom they have intercepted with Letters, and he says that they sent some Cannon & Timber on board their Ship.

Friday the 2^{d}. February 1759.—The Enemy last Night did nothing more to Appearance than repair the Parapet of their Battery and endeavour to lower the Embrasures but after firing a few Shot in the morning they found our fire so Superior and theirs so ineffectual that they closed their Embrasures in a Short time and were Silent the rest of the day.

Working party and Work done this Night Viz^{t}.

Lieut Eiser and Esign [*sic*] Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	52
Seapoys	„	2	45

DEMI BASTION.

All the Pioneers who were not carrying on the Mines, and all the Seapoys, were employed to thicken the Parapet of the Demi Bastion near the Saliant Angle against which the Enemys Battery on the Covered way seems to be Cheifly intended.

MINES.

Twenty four Pioneers divided into four Squads were employed in pushing a Gallery under the Enemys Battery on the Covered way; Six others with 24 Blacks were employed on the Gallery in front of the Blind.

CASUALTIES.

K. W.

ARTILLERY.

Royal Bastion.

A small Quantity of Powder blown up at the Mint Magazine by a Shell from the Enemy.

North East Bastion.

1 Gunner in the Royal Artillery.

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South Front.

K. W.

2 Matrosses of Royal Artillery.
4 Additionals of the Companys.
1 24-lb^{r} Gun burst & wounded the above 6 Men.

MILITARY.

1 of Capt Scaubs [*sic*].
1 of Major Caillauds.
2 of the Pioneer Company.

SEAPOYS.

None.

This morning the Harlem and French Frigate got under way & Stood to the Northward the Frigate Anchored to the Northward of Lallys Battery pretty far out and Harlem to the Southward of her but at a great distance from the Shore upon which the Governour wrote off to Captain Inglis that if he Should be much hurt by the Shot from the Enemys Batterys he might venture to Haul off a little leaving an Anchor to Warp in again in the Evening, upon the receit of which Letter the Capt. moved his Ship a little further from the Shore but he lay Still much exposed to the Enemys Guns and in the Evening he wrote to the Governour that the Enemys Fire had been Slacker than the preceeding day. See the Appendix.

From the Governour to Capt^{n}· Inglis ... ... N. 238
From Capt Inglis to the Governour 239

At Five O'Clock this morning a Hircar brought in Letters from Capt^{n} Preston &c^{a}· dated the 1st· advising that they were opposed in their March the 30th· by a party of the Enemy which it would at that time have been imprudent to Attempt Forcing and they have since been obliged to postpone their intended Rout for want of Rice but they give hopes that they may be able to come forward again in a day or two.

From Capt Preston ... ... N. 240
From Abdul Vahab Cawn 241
From Usoff Cawn 242

Another Hircar brought in a Letter from Malrauze Pollygar promising to do all in his power towards Supplying our Army with Provisions and cutting off all supplies from the Enemy and desiring an advance of at least One thousand Pagodas to defray the Charges. See the Appendix. N^{o}· 243.

At ten oClock in the forenoon A Hircar was dispatch'd with Letters to Capt Preston, Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn pressing them to advance and make one Effort to join Us which being effected We can Supply them both with money and provisions. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston ... ... N^{o}· 244
To Abdul Vahab Cawn 245
To Usoff Cawn 246

About Eight oClock this morning a Party of Horse (supposed to be Usoff Cawns) were observed from the Steeple advancing upon the Plain beyond Viparee upon which the Enemy drew up their Forces upon the plain in the Enemy's Line there seemed to be about three hundred European Foot and as many European Horse with all their Black Horse and Foot, all the Forenoon both parties were observed marching and Countermarching, in the Afternoon the Firing of Cannon & Musketry was plainly seen and seemed to continue briskly for about two

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hours but no Judgement could me [*sic*] made which party was Victorious. At Night a large Fire was seen about S. W. judged to be about Caimbedda & as some of the Enemys parties returned in the Evening it is supposed to be Usoff Cawns Camp.

Saturday the 3rd February 1759.—This morning about day break the Enemy Sprung a Mine under our Counter scarp opposite the Cuvette in the rounding before the Saliant Angle of the Demi Bastion which blew up about 20 feet of the Counterscarp but as the opening was entirely exposed to the Flank of the Royal Bastion it is difficult to conceive with what view that Mine was sprung unless it were with an intent to destroy the opening of our Gallery and the People there at work. The Enemy plaid again in the morning with two Guns from their Battery on the Crest of the Glacis but with little effect and Soon Closed the Embrasures.

Working party and Work done this Night Viz^{t}.
Capt Lieut. Leigh and Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	47
Seapoys	„	2	65

DEMI BASTION.

The Seapoys and Seventeen Pioneers were employ'd in repairing two Embrasures near the Shoulder and thickening the Parapet near the Saliant Angle.

MINES.

Twenty four Pioneers were employed in Carrying on the Gallery under the North Counterscarp and 12 in pushing a Gallery towards the Sea in front of the Blind at which there were also employed 12 Blacks.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K. W. *Demi Bastion.*

1 Matross of the Royal Artillery by the Enemys Mine.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures & Traverse want repair.

MILITARY.

KINGS.

1 of Capt. Fells by the Enemys Mine.

COMPANYS.

1 Ensign Bellingham
1 Cent^{l}. of Capt Scaubs [*sic*] } by the Enemys Mine.
1 D^{o}. of Major Caillauds

SEAPOYS.

1 2 of Mahomud Esibe's Cawns.
2 Stand of Arms Broke.

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No advices have been received from Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn of the Event of Yesterdays Action, some parties of the Enemys European and Country Horse were seen returning from the Westward to the Black Town.

The Harlem and the French Frigate continue at Anchor as Yesterday the Shaftesbury remains still close under our Guns not having been able to move for want of Boats to carry out an Anchor the Massoolas being unfit for that Service and the Ship's Pinnace, Yaul, and Long Boat being Stove by the Enemys Shot, but the Capt writes that he has made a Raft with which he hopes to carry an Anchor out and to get further off by the morning.

Sunday the 4th February 1759.—This morning the Enemy again opened the Embrasures of their Battery on the Crest of the Glacis but closed them again after firing a few Shot. In their other Works no alteration appears. About Seven this morning the Gallery under the North Counterscarp being advanced above 70 feet the Earth fell in at the end and the light came thro' but the Minors [*sic*] stopt the hole so soon that it is beleived the Enemy did not discover it, however the Engineer directed the Gallery to be filled 5 or 6 feet back and the return for the Chambers to be made immediately.

Working party and work performed this Night.

Lieut^{t}. Eiser and Lieut^{t}. Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Pr.
Pioneers	1	3	53
Seapoys	,,	2	51

DEMI BASTION.

All the Pioneers except those employed on the Mines with the Seapoys were employed to thicken the parapet of this Bastion near the Saliant Angle, to make Banquets behind it and repair two Embrasures near the Shoulder.

MINES.

Twenty four Pioneers were employed at the Gallery under the North Counterscarp and twelve at that before the Blind.

CASUALTIES.

K. W.

ARTILLERY.

DEMY BASTION.

1 Lascar.

1 Truck of a 24-lb^{r}. Carriage broke.

1 Wheel of a 6-lb^{r}. D^{o}. D^{o}.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures and Traverse want repair.

North East Bastion.

1 Matross of the Companys Artillery.

East Front.

1 Matross of the Companys Wounded.

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South Front.

K. W.

1 6-lb^{r}. Carriage disabled on the Demi Counterscarp.
1 24-lb^{r}. Ditto on S^{t}. Thomé Bastion damaged.

MILITARY.

KINGS.

1 of Capt. Fells.

COMPANYS.

1 of Capt. Beavers.
1 of Capt Schaubs.
1 1 of Capt Greigs.

PIONEER COMPANY.

1 Serj. of Capt Monchanins.
1 Cent. of Capt Donald Campbells.

SEAPOYS.

2 1 Havildar of Russell Cawn 1 Seapoy of Ranga Naigs.

About Noon a Hircar arrived with Letters from Capt^{n}. Preston and Usoff Cawn dated Yesterday giving an Account that the 2^{d}. Instant the Enemys Forces consisting of a large Body of Europeans, most of their Black Army both Horse and Foot with Six pieces of Cannon, march'd against them and drew up at the distance of about 1000 Yards from whence they began to Cannonade at 3 oClock but did Us little damage our people being under Cover, at ¾ past four the Enemy retreated in some Confusion leaving Nine Europeans and 18 Horses Dead on the Spot. Our Army was obliged to return to Trimlewash for a supply of Provisions. See the Appendix.

From Captain Preston	N^{o}. 247
From Usoff Cawn	248

A Hircar was soon after the Receit of the above Letters dispatched with advices to Captain Preston Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn pressing them to march without delay to join Us, and if any of the Auxilliary Troops refuse to accompany them to march without them. See the Appendix.

To Capt Preston	N^{o}. 249
To Abdul Vahab Cawn	250
To Usoff Cawn	251

The Shaftesbury went something further and has not been much hurt by the Enemys Shot this day, the French Frigate and Harlem lay where they did, In the Evening an Order was sent off to Capt Inglis to land 30 of his Men according to Charter party for the service of the Garrison, the Duty being very severe at present, the Governour at the same time wrote to the Captain that Should there be a necessity to prepare the Ship for Action he will immediately return the Men with a Detachment of Military, in consequence of which Capt Inglis sent 20 Men & an Officer and wrote that he had had 6 Men wounded and 3 killed which he thinks Should be reckoned as part of the Charter party agreement but leaves it howewer to the Governour to determine.

From the Governour to Capt^{n}. Inglis	N^{o}. 252
From Capt Inglis	253

A Sloop came in this Evening from the South^{d}. and Anchored near S^{t}. Thomé, A Vessell also appeared in the N. E. looked into the Road and then Stood off Again, Supposed to be the Cuddalore Schooner.

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Monday the 5th February 1759.—There is no apparent Alteration in the Enemys Works, their Battery at the New Hospital has been Silent all day.

Working party and work done this Night Vizt.
Capt. Lieutt. Leigh and Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	49
Seapoys	„	2	63

DEMI BASTION.

The two Embrasures next the Shoulder and the Parapet thickened and Repaired.

MINES.

Twenty four Men employed on the Gallery under the North Counterscarp and that before the Blind carried on by Blacks.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K. W. *Demi Bastion.*

1 24-[lbr.] Carriage disabled.

North Ravelin.

1 Bombardier of the Royal Artillÿ.
1 Matross of the Companys Artillery.

North East Bastion.

1 Gunner of the Royal Artillery.
The Embrasures want repair.

MILITARY.

1 of Capt. Schaubs.
1 of Capt. Chs. Campbells.

SEAPOYS.

3 1 Jemidar of Adam Cawn's, 1 Havildar of Sandaraband's & 1 Seapoy of Facquir Mahomed's.

In the Night a Hircar arrived with a Letter from Usoff Cawn dated the 4th. wherein he represents several difficulties in Attempting to Join Us, such as that he is in want of money Ammunition and Flints, that the passes are fortified by breast Works and the Enemy are Strongly posted on all sides to oppose him, that it cost him a Months time to ressemble after the Action at Trivambore and Should he now meet with a Repulse he must expect the same effect, that it is a difficult matter to manage Country Troops, that he is resolved to proceed to the Mount and Wait there for Ammunition and Stores from Chingleput and then make a push however that these are only his intentions, but he will be obedient to the orders he may receive. See the Appendix. No. 254.

Upon the Receit of the abovementioned Letters a Harcar was presently dispatched with Letters to Captain Preston & Usoff Cawn pressing them by all means to make a push immediately without waiting for Stores from Chingleput as the Longer they delay the Attempt the more their difficulties for provisions &c.

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will encrease, and if they join Us We can supply them with every thing. See the Appendix.

To Capt. Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N°. 255
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	256

About Nine oClock in the morning a Red Flag was observed upon the Mount which is the Signal of Usoff Cawns Army being there. In Order to encourage them to make an effort immediately to join Us, it was resolved that Capt Vasserot with a party of the Troops Should endeavour to push by the Enemys Guards at Chindadre Pettah and the Choultry plain and join Usoff Cawn at the Mount and that each Man should carry a Bag of pagodas. Accordingly in the Evening after Dusk, Capt Vasserot with ten of the Troops (each carrying One thousand Pagodas divided into four parcells of 250 one tyed on each side the Pummel and one on each side behind) One Hussar who Deserted from the Enemy in the beginning of the Siege and the Governours head Horsekeeper (a Mallabar) went out across the New Bridge and as far as the Forde of the River at Chindadre pettah where the Hussar's Girth happening to break he returned and the rest went on and about ten oClock at Night We had the pleasure to observe a large Fire and 4 Rockets at the Mount the Signal of the partys being safe arrived there, Capt Vasserot carried with him a Gold Watch and a large Amethist Ring set round with Diamonds as presents from the Company to Abdulvahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn. Letters were at the same time wrote to Captn. Preston, Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn. See the Appendix.

To Captain Preston	...	...	...	...	...	N°. 257
To Abdul Vahab Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	258
To Usoff Cawn	...	...	...	...	...	259

This morning the French Frigate and the Harlem with 5 Small Vessells got under Sail and Stood to the Southward and were almost out of Sight before Night, The Bristol another of their Ships mentioned in the former part of this Journal Sailed to the Southward the 30th. Ultimo, as did the Mergui Ship another of theirs also before mentioned, a few day [s] before which by Omission was not then taken Notice of in this Journal. The Enemy have remaining One Sloop at Anchor to the Northward & one to the Southward, The Shaftesbury went further out beyond the reach of their Guns and Capt. Inglis sent ashore Nine more Men to make up (with those he sent Yesterday) his Charter Party Number. See his Letter in the Appendix N°. 260.

By an Account taken this day of all the Blacks (Malabars Moors and Christians, Seapoys & Lascars excepted) that have been killed or wounded since the Siege, it appears that 44 have been killed and 56 Wounded.

This being the 56th. day since Wee have been Shut up in our Garrison the following Weekly Returns are made.

General Return of the Garrison	...	...	...	...	N°. 261
General Acct. of provisions expended since the 29th. and remaing. this day	...	...	...	...	262
General Acct. of Military Stores expended since the 29 & remaing. this day	...	...	...	...	263
Return of the Hospital from the 29th. Ulto. to this day	...				264

Tuesday the 6th. February 1759.—The Enemy have not fired a Gun from their Battery on the Crest of the Glacis or repaired the Damages done to it by our Fire, but they have brought two more Mortars to the foot of the Glacis and raised the Right Arm of their Boyeau to cover them, they have also repaired several Embrasures at their Grand Battery.

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Working party and Work done this Night Viz^{t}.
Lieut^{t}. Eiser and Lieut Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Pr.
Pioneer Company	1	3	54
Seapoys	„	2	54

NORTH LUNETTE.

The Left Face of this Work being much ruined by the Enemys Western Batterys so as to incommode the fire of the Right Face was repaired with 1500 Sand Bags.

CAPONIERE BEFORE THE BLIND.

A Shell having fallen on the Corner of this Work & blown it down, it was repaired again in the Night.

MINES.

The Gallery under the North Counterscarp was pushed on with great Labour being so damp that it was with difficulty the Pioneers could breath. That before the blind was converted into a Trench and carried on open a Considerable distance.

[Killed.] [Wounded.]

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

North East Bastion.

The Embrasures want repair.

MILITARY.

1 of Major Poliers.
1 of the Foreign Company.
1 of the Grenadier Company of the 2^{d}. Battalion.
1 of the Coffrey Company.

SEAPOYS.

Nothing Extraordinary.

The French Ships that sailed yesterday were out of Sight this morning. Orders were sent to M^{r}. Brooke at Pullicat to dispatch the Cuddalour Schooner and Catherin Sloop hither as they may now come in with [out] Opposition, but to keep there till further Orders the Several Small Vessells which have arrived there lately with Provisions.

All the Enemys Cavalry both European and Country have been in motion again this day some parties were observed filing off towards the Choultry plain and a large Body remained at Egmore, to which place a Body of Seapoys with One large Gun, four Field Pieces and a Tumbril passed from the Black Town.

Wednesday the 7th February 1759.—The Embrasures at the Enemys Battery on the Crest of the Glacis remained quite closed up without being repaired and seems to be Abandoned. This morning early they began again to Fire from their

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Grand, or Lallys Battery with four pieces of Cannon on the Saliant Angle of the Demi Bastion and on the Old North East Bastion and their Shot often Strike in reverse their Battery on the crest of the Glacis.

Working Party and Work performed this Night.
Capt Lieut Leigh & Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	53
Seapoys	„	2	33

ROYAL BASTION.

Two Embrasures in the North face which opened on the Enemys Grand Battery were repaired.

NORTH RAVELIN.

The Embrasures of the right Face were repaired and the Rampert cleared of the Rubbish.

DEMI BASTION.

Two Embrasures near the Shoulder were repaired.

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Embrasures of this Bastion which had been disordered by the Enemy's Battery were repaired.

MINES.

The Gallery under the North Counterscarp was carried on by 24 Pioneers and that before the Blind by Blacks only.

CASUALTIES.

K W.

ARTILLERY.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures on the Ravelin and Traverse in the Covered way want repair.

North East Bastion.

1 1 Matrosses of the Companys Artillery.
1 Bombardier . . . . . Dº
1 6-lbr. Carriage wheel broke.
1 18-lbr. Gun and Carriage rendered unserviceable.
The Embrasures and Platforms much out of repair.

MILITARY.

2 of the King's Marines.
1 1 of the Coffrey Company.

SEAPOYS.

2 of Mahomud Easibs Company
1 Seapoy of Patta Vencatachilums } Deserted.
1 Tom Tom of Burra Sings }

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This morning early a Hircar arrived with a Letter from Capt. Hart at Chingleput of the 3d. Instant, advising that he had that day received a Letter from Major Caillaud dated at Tagoody the 29th. January wherein he acquaints him that he expected to be at Villiporum by the 1st. Instant so that he will probably arrive at Chingleput the 5th. or 6th. at furthest, he adds that Ensign Deyman is at Chinglepermual with Stores & a party to join Usoff Cawn but he has ordered him to wait there till the arrival of Major Callaid [*sic*]. See the Appendix No. 265.

In the Evening Letters were dispatched to Major Caillaud, Capt Preston Capt. Hart & Usoff Cawn. That to Major Caillaud, acquainting him in brief of our present Situation & recommending a vigorous effort to join Us, this Letter was enclosed to Captain Preston & left open for his perusal and at the same time he is directed not to wait for Major Caillauds joining him unless he has good Reason to think it may be effected in a few days, otherwise to make a push without him. That to Usoff Cawn is to the same effect. See the Appendix.

To Major Caillaud	No. 266
To Captain Preston	267
To Usoff Cawn	268
To Captain Hart	269

A Hircar came in this morning at four oClock & Reports that he had been in the Enemys Camp and that they have detached three Companys of Foot and all their Horse both European and Country with the greatest part of their Seapoys to the Southward to oppose Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn. He also reports that the Enemy have one Field piece at the Bar and one at the Garden House & a Guard of about 20 Europeans at the latter place.

The Enemy have again formed a Camp on Choultry plain & they have a party at Egmore Powder mill with five Guns and two Tumbrils, Parties of their Black Cavalry have been observed from the Steeple in Motion all the day about Egmore, and from thence to the Choultry plain.

Thursday the 8th. February 1759.—The Enemy fired this morning with 5 Guns from Lally's Battery, no Alteration appears in their Works.

Working party and Work performed this Night.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneer Company	1	3	51

OLD NORTH EAST BASTIONS.

The two Eastermost Embrasures were repaired and the Parapet Covered with Fascines on the outside.

DEMI BASTION.

The Embrasures next the Shoulder which fire on the Enemys Battery at the Burying Ground were repaired and an Addition made to one of the Platforms.

MINES.

The Gallery under the North Covered way was carried on by 24 Pioneers, that before the Blind having been carried far enough towards the Sea to Secure that Post from any Mines of the Enemy was returned in a direction towards the Pallisade in possession of the Enemy.

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CASUALTIES.

K W. ARTILLERY.

Demi Bastion.

1 Bombardier of the King's Artillery.
1 Matross . . . . } of the Company.
1 D° . . . additional }

About four oClock the Enemy had a large explosion by their grand Battery at the Sea Side

North Ravelin.

About 2 oClock the Enemy had an explosion of Powder at their Bomb Battery by the Sea Side occasioned by a Cochorn Shell thrown into it.

A Shot from the Enemy passed through the parapet near the Bottom on the N. W. Face of the Ravelin, but did not hurt anybody.

North East Bastion.

2 Lieut. Weetman & 1 Corporal of the Kings Artillery.

The Parapets want repair.

MILITARY.

KING'S.

1 of Colonel Drapers.

COMPANY'S.

1 of Capt. Beavers.
1 of Capt. Griegs.

SEAPOYS.

1 Subidar Maginah.
1 of Pair Naicks Company.

About 5 O'Clock this morning a Hircar came in with Letters from Capt. Preston Abdul Vahab Cawn and Usoff Cawn of the 6th. Inst. advising that Capt. Vasserot with the 10 Troopers & the money got safe to the Mount. Capt. Preston writes that it was thought necessary to defer the making an Attempt to join Us till they had refreshed their Troops and were joined by the Party from Chingleput with Ammunition which is now come up; That Usoff Cawn and he are both of Opinion a push might be much more effectually made with such Troops as they have in the day time than by night, but that they are desirous of receiving another Letter as they are informed the Enemy have reinforced their Posts with 300 Europeans & 6 or 7 Companys of Seapoys. Capt Preston adds that he has reason to beleive Major Caillaud is arrived at Chingleput. See the Appendix.

From Captain Preston	N°. 270
From Abdul Vahab Cawn	271
From Usoff Cawn	272

About two oClock another Hircar came in with Letters from Major Caillaud, Captain Preston, and Usoff Cawn dated Yesterday purporting in general that Major Caillaud is arrived at the Mount and the Command has been delivered over to him by Capt. Preston, and Major Caillaud adds that as far as he yet sees he agrees in Opinion with Capt Preston that our Plan cannot be effected with Country Troops but that he will do all that is possible and he will communicate his Resolution tomorrow. See the Appendix.

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From Major Caillaud	... ...	N. 273
From Captain Preston	... ...	274
From Usoff Cawn	... .	275

This Afternoon a Ship under French Colours Anchored off S$^{t.}$ Thomé and by her Appearance is judged to be the Bristol (which went from hence the 30$^{th.}$ of last Month) with Stores from Pondicherry and as she is supposed to be but of Small Force the Governour in the Evening wrote off to Captain Englis [*sic*] that he beleived he might take her without much difficulty, and if he Should be of the same Opinion he would send him off all the People he had landed of his Ships Company with a Detachment of Forty Military. About Nine at Night Capt Inglis answered that he had examined his Officers in regard to the Condition of the Ship and that he found it would be impossible to get under Sail this Night but that if the people were sent aboard he would immediately set about getting the Ship in readiness to execute the Design. Upon the receit of which Letter the people belonging to the Ship were immediately sent off with a Letter from the Governour recommending it as necessary to get under Sail very early in the morning before the Sea Wind set in and promising to send off a Detachment in the Night, and forty of the Kings Marines were accordingly embarked. See the Appendix.

To Captain Inglis	... ...	N$^{o.}$ 276
From Capt. Inglis	... ...	277
To Captain Inglis	... ...	278

It is plainly observed from the Steeple that the Enemy have Six Field Pieces and four Tumbrils by Egmore Powder Mill.

INTELLIGENCE.

A Hircar from the Enemys Camp reports that he came thro their Trenches and that they keep only five or Six Men during the day in their advanced Trenches where most of our Shells are directed, but that their place of Arms or Crochet [*sic*] at the Foot of the Glacis is kept full of Men and from thence to their old Battery they have very few. That provisions are very Scarce in their Camp and they depend on their daily Supplies from the Country which can come only from the Southward as Maulrauze and the other Pollygars plunder everything coming in from the Northward.

Friday the 9th February 1759.—No Alterations appears in the Enemys Works they continue firing with five Guns from Lallys Battery two Guns from the Lorrain Battery and three from the Burying Ground Battery.

Working party and Work done this Night Viz$^{t.}$

Capt. Lieut. Leigh & Ensign Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Pr.
Pioneers	1	3	56
Seapoys	,,	2	48

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The Embrasures next the Shoulder of the North Face repaired.

DEMY BASTIONS.

Two Embrasures next the Shoulder, repaired and the Earth cleared from the Bottom of the Flank.

BREAST WORK BEFORE THE BLIND.

The Parapet of it repaired.

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MINES.

The Shaft under the North Counterscarp having been pushed on 90 feet and upwards, a Short return was begun to the Right and Left for two Chambers.

The Gallery before the Blind is now sufficiently advanced to prevent the Enemys approach under Ground to the place of Arms before the North East Bastions.

CASUALTIES.

Nothing remarkably either in the Military, Artillery or Seapoys.

This morning at Five oClock a Hircar brought in Letters from Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn, both but particularly the first, Offering their Reasons for thinking the Junction with Us upon the plan recommended not only impracticable with the Troops they have, but even that, they may be more usefully employed in harraising the Enemy and cutting off their Supplies, however that Should it be thought adviseable, notwithstanding their Representations, to make the Attempt they will do their best. See the Appendix.

From Major Caillaud	N°.	279
From Usoff Cawn		280

The Hircar who brought the above Letters reports that he came by the way of S^{t}. Thomé Tank but was taking by the Enemys Centrys and carried to their Camp on the Choultry plain where he found their Forces, (consisting as he judges of about 1200 Horse European & Country besides Seapoys with Some Guns) ready to march towards our Army at the Mount; That he found means to make his escape, and passing on by the S^{t}. Thomé Road he met between S^{t}. Thomé and Triplicane a party of the Enemy Consisting of Seven hundred Europeans and four Guns, That he took Occasion to enter into discourse with the Bullock People belonging to the Guns who informed him that they were to march by the way of Tervembore and Attack our Army on One Side, while Their Forces from the Choultry plain Should Attack them on the other.

At day break a Cannonading was heared and the Smoke of Guns was soon after discovered at or near the Mount, it continued very briskly the greatest part of the forenoon, and the same was observed again in the Afternoon, tho' not so warmly, till dark, between ten and Eleven oClock Three Pickets (about 150 Men) marched across Egmore plain in great haste towards the Southward and Several Tumbrils also passed the same way supposed to be a Reinforcement for the Enemys party at the Mount. From ten in the forenoon till the Evening Horsemen were seen continually passing to and from the Mount or on that Road and many Pallankeens, Dooleys and Cots with Men on them, supposed to be wounded crossed Egmore plain to the Northward.

In the Evening Letters were dispatched to Major Caillaud Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn That to Capt. Preston commending his Conduct, those to Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn approving their Plan for employing their Forces instead of Attempting a Junction with Us. See the Appendix.

To Major Caillaud	N°.	281
To Capt Preston		282
To Usoff Cawn...		283

This morning Captain Inglis wrote ashore to the Governour that they have been at Work all night & are yet busy in fitting the Rigging which is Still in Such a Condition as makes it impossible to get under Sail to day but he promises to weigh as soon as possible. See the Appendix. . . . . N°. 284.

The Enemy seem to use great diligence in unloading their Ship off S^{t}. Thomé many Boats having passed to and from the Shore and the Ships Boats have also frequently passed between the Ship and two Small Vessells which lay nearer in shore.

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The Battalions being so much reduced that they cannot furnish their proportions towards, the Guards, the Grenadier Company that had the Reserve is now included in the detail of Garrison Duty. The Detail of the Guards as now Settled may be seen in the Appendix. . . . . N°. 285.

Saturday the 10th February 1759.—No Alteration appears in the Enemys Battery or Approaches.

Working party & Work performed this Night is Vizt.

Lieut. Eiser & Lieut Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Poineer Company	1	2	58
Seapoys	"	2	133

DEMY BASTION.

The Traverse on the North Face was thickened, one Embrasure next the Shoulder repaired, and another near the Saliant Angle turned to fire on the Enemys Communication from their Trenches to the Black Town.

MINT BASTION & ADJACENT CURTAIN

These Works were cleared of the Rubbish & the East Flank of the Mint Bastion put in a Condition to receive Cannon.

FASCINE BATTERY.

A Platform was laid near the Beach & some Pallisades cut away to form another Embrasure which Should Sweep the Sea Shore by which an Enemy might have approached under Cover of a Bank.

MINES.

The Gallery under the North Counterscarp having been advanced about 90 feet a Return was made at the end of 3½ feet on each Side & 2 Boxes lodged therein containing together 430 lbr. of Powder to which the Saucission were fixed and every thing prepaired for Stopping. The Gallery before the blind having been advanced very near the Sea Side another branch was opened in it about 10 feet on the outside of the Covered way & intended to be prolong'd parallel thereto that the Enemy might be discovered if they were advancing that way.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K. W. *Demy Bastion.*

1 24-lbr. Gun & its carriage disabled

The Enemy had a great explosion at their Grand Battery last Night.

North East Bastion.

The Embrasures and Platforms want repair.

MILITARY.

1 of Capt Scaub's Company.
1 Serjeant of Capt Innis's.

Deserted 1 Centinel of the foreign Company.

SEAPOYS.

1 of Shaik Small's [*sic*] Company

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In the Forenoon a Cattamaran was dispatched to Trivembore to land a Hircar there who was charged with a Letter to Major Caillaud purporting that if he Should be in want of Ammunition for his Field Pieces We can Supply him from hence, if he will appoint a place by the sea side, and People to receive it at a particular time. That as his Assistance here would be very acceptable and Captn. Preston is capable of executing his plan of the 8th, which is approved, if he will proceed to Pulicat Mr. Brook will furnish him with a Conveyance or if he will appoint a place to the Southward a Boat Shall be sent for him. See the Appendix . . . . . No. 286.

No Advices that may be any wise Relyed on have yet been received of the Event of the Cannonading yesterday by the Mount.

The French Ship which Anchored off St. Thomé the 8th. Sailed in the Night and was almost out of Sight by break of day, the two Small Vessells which lay off St. Thomé, and on board of which part of the Ship's Cargo, it is supposed, was Transported for dispatch, Still lye there; This morning a Schooner appeared at Anchor in the N. E. and from many Circumstances being Judged to be the Companys Schooner Cuddalore from Pulicat, the Governour sent off a Cattamaran with an Order to the Master, to weigh with the sea wind, and, if possible, to reach St. Thomé and endeavour to take or destroy the two Small Vessells abovementioned which are beleived to be of no Force. In the Afternoon he accordingly run down to them and after firing several Shot, tacked and Stood to the Northward and Night coming on Anchored abreast of the Bar.

Sunday the 11th. February 1759.—No Alteration appears in the Enemy's Works they fire only with four Guns from their Grand Battery, three from the Burying Ground, and two from the Lorrain Battery; two Mortars at their Battery near the foot of the Glacis; and one Mortar at their Grand Battery. Some Plank was observed carrying to the Trench by the Stockade.

Working party and Work performed this Night Vizt.

Capt Lieut Leigh and Cotsford Engineers.

	Off.	S.	P.
Pioneer Company	1	2	57
Seapoys	,,	2	33

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The two Embrasures next the Saliant Angle repaired.

DEMY BASTION.

The Embrasures next the Shoulder repaired.

FASCINE BATTERY.

The Breast Work near the Beach was prolonged quite into the Surf by Casks filled with Sand Bags the whole raised and Strengthened with Sand Bags and Pallisades, Chevaux de Frize and Trees fixed in the Front to render the Approach of an Enemy, difficult.

MINES.

Twenty four Pioneers were employed in Stopping the Mine under the North Curtain and a few Blacks in advancing the Gallery before the Blind.

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Royal Bastion.

ARTILLERY.

K. W. *Royal Bastion.*

1 24-lb^{r} Carriage Wheel disabled.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures and N. E. Face much out repair [*sic*].

Two Explosions were seen between 9 & 10 oClock at Night in the Enemys Bomb Battery.

North East Bastion.

The Embrasures and 1 Platform want repair.

MILITARY.

KINGS.

2 of Capt. Fell's Company.

COMPANY'S.

1 of Capt. Beaver's Company.
1 of a Vacant Company.
1 of Capt Charles Campbell's.
1 of Capt. Richard Smith's.

SEAPOYS.

1 of Adam Cawn's.
1 Serjeant of the Supernumerarys.

This morning Capt^{n} Baker, in the Cuddalore Schoner [*sic*], again endeavoured to destroy the two Small Vessells off S^{t} Thomé but after several Fruitless Attempts returned and Anchored in the Road. The Master being come ashore the Account he gives of his ill success is, that the Vessells hauled into such Shoal Water that he could not get nearer to them than he did in the Sloop and his People being all Lascars he could not prevail on them to Attempt any thing with the Ship's Boat, and with difficulty to assist in working the Sloop; So much were they terrified at the Fire which the Enemy kept from the Shore with two Field pieces and a party of Musketeers. In the Evening the Schooner was dispatched with Orders to cruize between S^{t} Thomé and Covelong and endeavour to intercept any Small Craft, passing that way.

Monday the 12th February 1759.—No Alterations appear in the Enemy's Works. They fire with the same Number of Guns and Mortars as Yesterday.

The Working party and work performed this Night Viz^{t}

Lieut Eiser and Lieut Stevenson, Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Private.
Pioneer Company	1	2	57
Seapoys	„	2	79

NORTH EAST BASTION.

Two Embrasures and the Merlons next the Saliant Angle repaired.

DEMY BASTION.

The Embrasures next the Shoulder repaired.

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NORTH CURTAIN.

The Rubbish of that part between the Midle Gate & North East Bastion was cleared away.

NORTH RAVELIN.

The Earth before the Right Face was partly cleared away. The Pallisades repaired and Banquets made to the Parapet near the Saliant Angle.

MINES.

Twenty four Pioneers were employed in Stopping that under the North Curtain and Blacks were employ'd to carry on the Gallery before the Blind.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

K W. *Demi Bastion.*

1 Gunner of the Compy. Artillery.
2 Lascars.
1 9-lbr. Gun rendered unserviceable.

Between 11 & 12 at Night a great explosion of Powder was seen on the Enemys Grand Battery occasioned by a Shell thrown from the Demy Bastion.

Royal Bastion.

2 18-lbr. Carriages disabled.

North Ravelin.

This morning at 8 o'Clo: an explosion of Powder was seen at the Enemy's Mortar Battery occasioned by a Shell from the Howitzers in the Covered way.

North East Bastion.

1 Matross of the Company's.
1 24-lbr. Gun & Carriage rendered unserviceable.

About 12 oClock last night a Shell from the Enemy blew up three Cartedges some Tubes and Portfires and wounded three people?

About 4 oClock this Afternoon a Shot from the Enemy came quite thro' the Gabions and wounded a Centinel.

The Embrasures and Platforms want repair.

West Front.

1 9-lbr. Gun rendered Unserviceable.

The Embrasures want repair.

MILITARY.

K. W. KING'S.

1 of Coll. Draper's Company.
1 1 of Major Brereton's Company.

COMPANY'S.

1 Sergeant of Capt. Beaver's.
1 Centinel of Capt Black's.
3 Do. of Major Caillaud.

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K. W. SEAPOYS.

1 Facquir Mahomed's Company.

About two oClock this Afternoon a Hircar brought in a Letter from Major Caillaud dated 10th. giving an Account of the Action of the 9th. That the Enemy Attacked them at the Mount at day break with about 600 European Infantry, all their Cavalry, a large Body of Seapoys, & 7 or 8 Pieces of Cannon, amongst which were, three 12-lbrs. & One 18-lbrs. and after an effort of 12 hours to dislodge them they retreated about Sunset, and that our Army was obliged also to move to Vendelour for want of Ammunition. He does not mention any Particulars of our loss or the Enemy's but that all our Country Horse & $\frac{2}{3}$ of our Seapoys left Us. He Adds that he hopes to be ready to march again in two days.

In the Evening a Letter was dispatched to Major Caillaud congratulating him on the Successfull Stand he made, and repeating in brief the Substance of the two last Letters. See the Appendix.

From Major Caillaud ...	...	...	...	No. 287
From Usoff Cawn ...	...	...	...	288
To Major Caillaud ...	...	...	...	289
To Abdul Vahab Cawn	...	...	...	290
To Usoff Cawn ...	...	...	...	291

After the abovementioned Letters were dispatch'd a Hircar came in with another Letter from Major Caillaud dated Yesterdy. wherein he Speaks of some design upon Sadras but as he does not explain what, it is supposed a Letter from him must have miscarried, he also mentions the Receit of Letters from the Nabob and the Morattoe Vacqeel which say that Balazarow with his Army is near Tirpety and Offers to join Us if We will engage to pay him Seventeen Lacks of Rupees when they [*sic*] Enemy shall have raised the Siege of this place, and he shall have put Us in Possession of the Country they now have. The Same Hircars also brought a Letter from Usoff Cawn. See the Appendix.

From Major Caillaud ...	...	...	...	No. 292
From Usoff Cawn ...	...	...	...	293

The Consideration of this Overture from the Morattas is deferred 'till to-morrow.

This being the 63d. day since We have been Shut up in our Garrison the following Weekly Returns are made.

General Return of the Garrison	No. 294
General Acct. of Provisions expended since the 5th. & remaining this day	295
General Acct. of Military Stores expended since the 5th. & remaining this day	296
Return of the Hospital from the 5th. to this day	297

From the Steeple Several people were seen at the Companys Garden House at Work seemingly with an intention to pull it down amongst whom were several Europeans, one of them, who appeared to be an Officer, took a Pick Ax and worked himself a little while to Shew what was to be done & then gave it to a Black Fellow, they have already pulled down two of the Pillars of the Varanda, and the Hircars who brought the last mentioned Letters from Major Caillaud &ca. report that they came by the way of Pallaveram where they heared that the French had set Fire to some Houses at the Mount of which they saw the Smoke and were demolishing some of the Garden Walls.

Tuesday the 13th February 1759.—No Alteration appears in the Enemy's Works. They have not fired this dayfrom the Lorrain Battery.

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This morning about three oClock the Enemy made a Fruitless Attempt to Seize our Fascine Battery but the Vigilence of the Officers and Men posted upon the Battery soon made them repent of their Enterprise, the briskness of our Fire obliged them to retire with the utmost precipitation leaving several dead Bodys behind them and one Serjeant of the Lorrain Regiment wounded, who Surrendered himself Prisoner, according to his Account the Party consisted of 50 Coffreys, with 10 Men of Lorrain, 10 of Lally's and 10 of the Indian Battalion who were Selected for this push. Upon this Alarm the Drums beat to Arms and all the Garrison and Inhibants [*sic*] repaired immediately to their several Posts where they continued 'till day break. A Smart fire of Musketry was kept Up by Us from our defences and by the Enemy from their Trenches for some time after they retreated.

The Working party and Work performed this Night Viz^{t}.

Capt. Lieut. Leigh & Ensign Cotsford Engineers..

	Off.	Ser.	Priv.
Pioneers	1	2	27
Seapoys	,,	2	30

NORTH EAST BASTION.

Two Embrasures near the Saliant Angle, one which had been Stoped up in the West Flank was opened and the East Face cleared of the Rubbish.

DEMY BASTION.

Two Embrasures were repaired near the Shoulder which opens on the Enemys Battery at the Burying Ground.

CAPONIERE BEFORE THE BLIND.

The Breast Work having been ruined by several Shells falling thereon was repaired.

MINES.

That under the North Counterscarp was entirlly [*sic*] stoped by Noon & ready for springing whenever an opportunity offers to do the Enemy Mischief.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

North Ravelin.

The Embrasures in the Traverse on the Covered way want repair.

North East Bastion.

The Embrasures want repair.

South Front.

A Shot from the Enemy passed thro the Expence Magazine on S^{t}. Thomas's Bastion broke several Catridges and mixed the Powder with the Bricks and Rubbish.

K.	W.	MILITARY.
	1	Capt. Todd wounded at the Fascine Battery.
	1	Serj. of Marines.
1	2	Centinels of Capt. Beaver's.
	1	D^{o}. of Capt Pascalls.
1		D^{o}. of the Pioneer Company.

SEAPOYS.

1 of Mahomed Esib's Company.

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The Overture made by the Morattas to Join Us on the terms mentioned in Major Caillaud's last Letter having been Considered, it is judged that, tho' the Fate of Madras must in all probability be decided before they could join Us, yet their assistance afterwards, should the Siege, be raised, may enable Us greatly to distress the Enemy, but as their Treatys and Friendship cannot be relied on, it is Apprehended that Should the Seventeen Lacks of Rupees they demand be paid them down upon their putting Us in Possession of the Countrys now held by the French, an Advantageous Offer from the Enemy would easily engage them to assist in dispossessing Us again, and therefore if a Treaty could be concluded with them on Terms that might bind them to our Interest with equal Advantage to themselves it would be more eligible, and the means which appear the most reasonable to effect this purpose, are, the promise of some ready money upon being put in possession of those Countrys, and an absolute Engagement to be answerable to them for the Annual Chout (of which they have received but little for some Years) so long as they remain under our Management. Upon this Plan Letters were wrote dispatched away this Evening by Hircars to Balazarow & Gopaul Harry the Moratta Generals and to Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn empowering the two last in case such a Treaty can be set on foot to give an obligation for five Lacks of Rupees to be paid in ready money on our being put in possession of the Contries now in the hands of the French. See the Appendix.

To Major Caillaud	N°.	298
To Usoff Cawn		299
To Balazarow (the same to Gopaul Harry)		300

Wednesday the 14th February 1759.—Before the Moon rose the Enemy advanced a Gabionade about 30 feet in front of the Stockade under Cover of the Bank of the Glacis and formed a Traverse with a direct Communication behind it to the Stockade, This Work was discovered by the light of the Moon about 9 oClock and a Constant Fire of Musketry, round and Grape Shot was kept upon that part the whole Night and at day break the old Guards of the Demi Place of Arms and Fascine Battery sallyed out and entirely destroyed the Work the Enemy had done in the Night without any other Accident on our part than two Men Slightly wounded.

Working party and Work performed this Night.
Lieut. Eiser and Lieut Stevenson Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	Private.
Pioneer Company	1	2	38
Seapoys	,,	2	40

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

Two Embrasures next the Saliant Angle and the Merlon between was repaired.

DEMY BASTION.

Two Embrasures next the Shoulder were repaired.

ROYAL BASTION.

One Embrasure in the West Face was repaired.

FASCINE BATTERY.

A Party was employed to drive Pickets into the Glacis to Prevent the Approach of an Enemy and to lay some Trees near the Seaside.

CASUALTIES.

ARTILLERY.

Demy Bastion.

1 24-lb^{r} Gun Split in the Muzzle by a Shot from the Enemy.

About Six last Night a large Explosion of Powder was observed at the Enemy's Grand Battery.

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K.	W.	MILITARY.
	2	Marines.
	1	of Capt Beaver's Company.
	1	of Capt Black's.
1	1	of Capt Charles Campbell's.
1		of Capt. Gurtler's.

SEAPOYS.

None.

In the Afternoon a Ship and Sloop from the Southward came in and Anchored off S^{t}. Thomé, but did not Shew any Colours; the Ship is supposed to be the Frigate which lately went from hence with the Harlem the Cuddalore Schooner Capt. Baker who was cruizing between S^{t}. Thomé and Covelong came into the Road & Anchored. Upon the first Appearance of the Ship & Sloop Notice was sent off to Capt^{n}. Inglis of the Shaftesbury to send ashore what goods he had ready especially two 12-lb^{r}. Guns and to get his Decks cleared, The Boats which were sent off soon returned with the Guns and other Articles and a letter from Capt. Inglis signifying that his Decks were clear and if the Governour should think proper to send off his Men with Order's to prevent the Ship from landing her Stores he would Use his best Endeavours to execute them. Upon the Receipt of this Letter from Capt^{n}. Inglis, wherein he Shows such readiness and Spirit to undertake this Service, added to the Opinion that the French Ship is of no great Force, The Thirty Men belonging to the Shaftesbury which had been landed according to Charterparty were sent off about Nine oClock at Night with Twenty Marines and some of the Petty Officers of the King's Ships, Orders were also sent to Capt Baker of the Cuddalore Schooner to accompany the Shaftesbury and put himself under the Cammand of Capt. Inglis and the Governour wrote off to Capt. Inglis that he hoped that Assistance would enable him to take or destroy the French Ship leaving the Conduct of the enterprize entirely to him. See the Appendix.

From Capt Inglis	No. 301
To Capt Inglis	302
To Capt. Baker	303

In the Afternoon the Enemy Set Fire to the Houses in Chepauk and by the Great Smoke & Flames it is probable the whole Village is Consumed. They continue demolishing the Garden House it may be plainly seen from the Fort the Varanda is now quite down.

Thursday the 15th February 1759.—Last Night the Enemy Attempted to replace the Work that We destroyed in the Sally Yesterday, but were prevented by a Warm Fire which was kept the whole Night on that part. The Enemy Fired this morning from Six peices of Cannon from their Grand (or Lally's) Battery two of which were Silent in the Afternoon, and from three at their Burying Ground Battery one of which were Silent in the afternoon, and all their Embrasures at the Lorrain Battery are entirely closed up.

Working party & Work performed this Night.
Capt Lieut^{t}. Liegh & Ensign Cotsford...Engineers.

	Off.	Ser.	P.
Pioneer Company	1	2	41
Seapoys	„	2	50

OLD NORTH EAST BASTION.

The three Embrasures of the North Face repaired.

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DEMY BASTIONS.

The Embrasures which opened on the Enemys Battery at the Burying Ground were repaired, A party of Seapoys were set to Work in the begining of the Night whilst it was dark, to clear the Earth from the foot of the Demy Bastion but continuing to Work after the Moon got up, the Enemy discovered & fired on them which put an end to that Attempt.

FASCINE BATTERY.

Several Trunks of Trees & Gabions were laid in the Surf to Secure the Flank of the Battery against a Surprize and a Bed of large Timbers Sand Bags &ca. was made for another platform nearer the Sea.

CASUALTIES.

K. W. ARTILLERY.

North Ravelin.

1 Matross of the Royal Artillery.

North East Bastion.

The Embrasures & Platforms want repair.

Fascine Battery.

1 6-lb^{r}. Gun & Carriage disabled.

MILITARY.

KING'S.

1 Lieut Hopkins lost his Arm by a Cannon Shot.

COMPANYS.

1 of Capt. Blacks Company.

1 1 of the Coffrey Company.

SEAPOYS.

1 of Poraver Cawns Comp^{y}.

1 of Meer Abdul Cawders Company.

Several Camels and many Cooleys passed from S^{t}. Thomé cross Egmore plain to the Black Town loaded, probably with Ammunition and Numbers of Cooleys were observed passing from the Black Town to the Southward and the Intelligence brought Us says that the Enemy are begining to send away their things to Pondichery.

Last Night about Twelve o'Clock the Shaftesbury and Cuddalore Schooner got under Sail in order to go and Attack the French Ship in S^{t}. Thomé Road, but it being Moon light the Enemy soon judged of the intention and their Ship immediately weighed and Stood out to Sea and was out of Sight before morning, the Shaftesbury and Schooner anchored off S^{t}. Thomé and this morning weighed in order to return into our Road but the Wind and Current being Contrary could not fetch in.

Friday The 16th February 1759.—The Enemy were very Silent all last Night but We kept a Smart fire from the Fascine Battery on the head of their Sap, Suspecting that they might be atWork by the Sea Side but it did not appear in the morning that they had made any further Attempt to push on that Work.

Working Party & Work performed.

Lieut. Eiser & Lieut. Stevenson...Engineers.

	S.	P.
Pioneers	1	10

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FASCINE BATTERY.

During the day a Platform was laid for a 12-lb^{r} very close to the Surf and the Gun put in a Condition for Service. In the Evening some Crow feet were strewed on the Top of the Glacis near the Fascine Battery and Several Plank with Nails drove through them laid on the Sand to prevent as much as possible any Approach to this Battery.

CASUALTIES.

K. W. ARTILLERY.

Nothing Extraordinary.

MILITARY.

1 Ensign Wilcox wounded by a Musket Ball on the Parade.
1 Corporal of Capt Smith's Company.
1 of the Pioneer Company.

SEAPOYS.

1 of Moganas Company.
1 of Rangabouchi Naigs Company.

DESERTED.

2 Jemidars & 2 Seapoys of Peer Naig's Company.
1 D^{o} of Mahomud Isaphs Company.

In the Afternoon a Cattamaran arrived from Pulicat with a Letter from M^{r} Brooke advising that a Country Ship is arrived there the Masters of which informs him that on the 9th Inst^{t} in Latitude 14 he spoke with Six English Ships bound for this place and that they were seen again off of Durassapatam the 12th. M^{r} Brooke also encloses Two Letters from Major Caillaud one dated the 11th in which he mentions his intention of making an Attempt upon Sadras the other dated the 13th purporting that he intended to march that Night from Chingleput to Sadrass where if he Should Succeed, well, if not he would take Post near, and desires that a Supply of money and three Pound Shot may be sent him by Boat or the Cuddalore Schooner directing the Master to Anchor two or three Miles to the Northward of Sadras and make a certain Signal which he would answer.

From Major Caillaud	11 Feb^{ry}.	N^{o}. 304
From D^{o}.	13 D^{o}	305

In Consequence of the foregoing Letters Twenty Thousand Pagodas were immediately Chested with Four hundred three Pound Shot and embarked on the Cuddalore Schooner and a Letter was Prepaired to Major Caillaud directing him as soon as he had executed his Intention to leave the Command of the Army with Capt. Preston and proceed hither on the Cuddalore Schooner, but before this Letter was dispatched Six Sail of Ships appeared to the Northward which being judged to be our long expected Succours a Postcript was added mentioning this Circumstance and directing him to remain with the Army for the Present and advance this way that he may be in readiness to harras the Enemy upon their March if they Should raise the Siege or to Cooporate with Us, Should they persist in it. A Letter was at the same time wrote to Usoff Cawn to the same effect: see the Appendix.

To Major Caillaud	N^{o}. 306
To Usoff Cawn	307
Orders to Capt^{n}. Baker of the Cuddalore Schooner	308

Before the abovementioned Six Ships appeared in Sight Letters were prepared for Bombay, Bengal and Admiral Pocock acquainting them of our present Situation, those to Bombay and Bengal Strongly Pressing them to send some

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reinforcement and all the Artillery and Ammunition they can, and that to Mr. Pocock requesting him to bring round on his Squadron whatever the Gentlemen of Bombay will Spare Us. See the Appendix.

To Bombay	N°.	309
To Bengal		310
To Admiral Pocock		311

As soon as it grew dark, three Lights were hoisted at the Flag Staff as a mark for the Ships to come in by, About Eight o'Clock at Night the Six Ships Anchored in the Road, and to the great Joy of the Garrison proved to be His Majestys Ship Queenborough Capt Kemperfelt, and the Companys Frigate Revenge with the Tilbury, Winchelsea Prince of Wales, and Britannia having on board Six Companys of Colonel Drapers Regiment. Mr. Pybus one of the Council went off with a Letter from the Governour to Capt Kemperfelt to Compliment him on his arrival and to desire him to land as many of the Soldiers as he can to Night, and Colonel Draper wrote off to Major Monson to the same effect, it being apprehended that if Mr. Lally does intend to make any push he will do it this night before our Succours can come to our Assistance, all the Garrison, The Companys Servants and Inhabitants were therefore ordered under Arms and continued so the whole Night at there several Alarm Posts, and about two Companys were landed from the Ships in the Night. A Constant fire was kept upon the Enemy's Trenches which they sometimes returned and threw a few Shells in the begining of the Night, but none after Eleven oClock. About Midnight three deserters came in seperately from St. Thomé and report that the French entirely abandoned that Place and left several Mortars & some Stores behind which were sent there to be embarked in Boats and sent to Pondicherry. That their out Posts have been ordered to Join at the Powder Mill, and that the Enemy intend to raise the Siege and march off before day break.

Wednesday, [Saturday?] 17th February 1759.—About three in the morning the Enemy set fire to several large Piles of Wood in the Rear of their Grand Battery and as soon as the day broke it appeared thatthe Enemy had abandoned their Trenches and Batterys and were retreating, and about 9 oClock in the morning they blew up the Powder Mill at Egmore.

Letters were this morning dispatched away to Major Caillaud and to the Officer Commanding at Chingleput as in the Appendix.

To Major Caillaud	N°.	312
To the Officer Commanding at Chingleput		313

Soon after the abovementioned Letters were dispatched, a Letter was received from Major Caillaud dated the 15th. Instant in which he writes that he arrived at Sadras that day but could not put his Scheme in execution on the Fort it having been reinforced, and he encloses a Letter which he intercepted from Mr. Lally to Mr. deLeyrit dated the 14th. February which being worthy of remark is entered at length in the Appendix and also a Translation of it. See the Appendix.

Letter from Major Caillaud 15th February	N°.	314
Letter from Mr. Lally to Mr. DeLeyrit dated 14th. Feby.		315
Translation of the Same		316

After the Enemy's Retreat their Works were found in the following Conditions.

The Battery on the Crest of the Glacis opened with five Embrasures three of which were intended to break the Saliant Angle of the Demy Bastion and two to fire against the Blind and North East Bastion but the Construction and position was so ill contrived that the Enemy were obliged to close their Embrasures every day after firing a few Shot, which in general flew over. Our Shot & Shells in

all probability must have down [*sic*] great execution in this Battery, there were found in it 7 Guns 18 & 24 lb$^{r.}$ with their Carriages all disabled and some of them overset in a very confused manner.

The Lodgment on the East side of the Covered way and behind the Stockade was nothing more than a little Earth thrown up into Some Gabions placed without Order.

The Crochets or Demy Parallels were formed in the same manner as their common Zig Zags, which were a kind of flying Sap about four feet broad.

Near the foot of the Glacis on the Face of a Zig Zag was a Battery of 4 Embrasures intended to ruin the Parapet and dismount the Guns of the Right face of our North Ravelin, but the Allignment of the Parapet was so far from Parallel to its object that it was hardly possible to twist the Embrasures into an opening that the Guns might see our Works. Here lay four 24 lb$^{rs.}$ disabled and their Carriage[s] ruined.

In that part of the 2$^{d.}$ Crochet to the right of the Zig Zag where the Enemy had fired from three 8 & 10 Inch Mortars they left two disabled Beds but carried off the Mortars.

The Grand (or Lally's) Battery opened 15 Embrasures of which three were directed to the Ravelin & 12 to the Demy & N : E^{t} : Bastions. Here were found 6 Guns mounted on their Carriages and tho the Enemy had fired from four of them the 16$^{th.}$ in the Evening yet all but one had received considerable Damage on the Muzzles and were in a manner disabled, there were besides 5 Guns with Carriages and some spare ones dismounted and ruined. Behind the right wing of this Battery the Enemy for a long time had fired Six Mortars of 12 French Inches but afterwards removed them to make room for Guns leaving two disabled Beds.

The Battery a little to the left of the Burying Ground which was well Constructed opened four Embrasures, seemingly intended to enfilade the Right face of the North Ravelin and the Covered way before it but being placed a considerable distance to the Right of the Face produced did not answer the Purpose, its greatest execution was on the face of the Demy Bastion near the Shoulder against which two Guns constantly plaid, the other two throw their Shot at random from the Angle of the Royal to that of the Demy Bastion. Here were found three Guns mounted on their Carriages which had been fired the preceeding Evening but were all damaged on their Muzzles. Five Guns in the Battery and another near lay dismounted and three Carriages by them ruined.

On the side of the old Town Ditch behind a Steep Bank opposite the Portuguese Church, were the remains of four Mortar Platforms and two disabled Beds, from hence the Enemy threw their heavy Shells after they had made their Lodgments on the Crest of the Glacis.

The Battery to the left of the old Hospital called in this Journal the Lorrain Battery was built amongst the Ruins of the Houses and had Six Embrasures from two of which the Enemy for some days battered the left Face of the Royal Bastion but afterwards with four only enfiladed the right face and the Covered way before it, took the Right Flank in Reverse and Plunged into the Demy Bastion, adjoining to this Battery on the left was another in a different direction which opened four Embrasures from when three Guns were fired for some days on the right Face of Pigots Bastion but were afterwards Silent. The Enemy did not leave any Guns or Carriages in this Battery as it was Silent for Several days before their Retreat they had time to draw off those that were good and probably buried those that were disabled. One has since been found buried in a House near the Battery.

The Battery in the Front of the New Hospital where the Company's Garden House Formerly Stood had four Embrasures and as many Guns were constantly fired from thence till within a few days of the Enemys Retreat, its purpose was to richochet [*sic*] and plunge into all the Works of the North Front. There were

neither Guns nor carriages found on this Battery and 'tis probable none were disabled in it, because as the Guns were always fired in ricochet the Embrasures were choacked in Front so that the Guns could not be seen.

In all the Batterys the Platforms were so bad, that 'tis astonishing how the Enemy worked their Guns & Mortars so quick as they did, instead of Sleepers and Plank for their Gun Platforms they had scarce any thing but the Flat Roofs of Houses or a few unequal pieces of Timber laid in the Earth without being Nailed or fastened, and none above 9 feet in length. Their Mortar platforms were of the same Nature, or made of Doors buryed in the Ground and a little Straw laid on the Top to deaden the Shock.

Their Gabions were in general bad, the best of them were made of Rattans found in the Black Town, The Fascines were not much better except those which were made of the Leaves (or rather Branches) of the Coco Nut Tree and these answered very well.

All the Enemys Carriages (except 6 whose Flasks were remarkably long) were ill Shaped, extremely Short, and mounted so high that they could not be worked without great Labour.

The whole Number of Guns found on the Batterys in the Black Town, at S$^{t.}$ Thomé and other places amount to 52 of which 33 are 18 & 24 lb$^{rs.}$ the rest 9 lb$^{rs.}$ or small Iron Field pieces.

A Great many Carriages Limbers & Tumbrils of different kinds (the Number not exactly known) were found on the Battery's and in the Park of Artillery but few of them serviceable.

Many Thousand Shot of sizes have been collected out of Wells, Tanks and Scattered on the Ground about the Black Town and these added to what have been found in the Town and about the Works will more then replace the Quantity We fired during the Siege.

150 Barrels of good Powder were found in S$^{t.}$ Thomé and as many Casks of Ammunition great part damaged, Considerable Quantitys of Powder have also been collected out of the Trenches and Batterys in Casks and flannell Bags carelessly Scattered about, and many other Military Stores which the Enemy had not time to destroy.

In the Enemys Hospital were found 44 Sick and wounded Soldiers without one Person to attend them. M$^{r.}$ Lallys sudden march may account for his leaving these People behind but nothing can justify his abandoning them without leaving a Line to recommend them to our Care, They however found that Humanity in their Enemys which was denied them by their General, immediate Orders were given that the same care should be taken of them as of our own people, and the greatest part have since recovered. The Enemys precipitate retreat prevented the Destruction of the Black Town which was fully intended as appears by M$^{r.}$ Lallys Letter of the 14$^{th.}$ February; The Houses in general have suffered notwithstanding considerable damage as well by the Loss of Doors, Windows &ca, which were usefull to the Enemy as by our Shot & Shells. The Company's Garden House and the Houses belonging to the European Inhabitants in the environs and at the Mount have suffered a severer fate all of them are greatly Damaged some have only the Walls left and nothing but want of time prevented total Demolition of every one.

The Whole of our Loss during the Seige as appears by a General Return in the Appendix N$^{o.}$ 317 amounts to

Commissioned Officers Killed, & dead of Sickness.	See a List of these in the Appendix N$^{o.}$ 318.	15
D$^{o.}$ . . . Wounded, some dangerously.		14

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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1759*——

Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers killed & dead of Sickness	257	
D°. . . . . Wounded	182	
D°. . . . . taken prisoners . . .	122	
D°. . . . . Deserted	20	
	——	581
		610
Seapoys Officers & private Killed	105	
D°. . . . . Wounded	217	
D°. . . . . Deserted	440	
	——	762

A Return of Ammunition Expended is annexed in the Appendix N°· 319.

The Enemys Loss according to the best Accounts We can get Amounts to about—

Europeans Killed & Wounded amongst whom about 90 Officers at the lowest Computation	1,500
Guns as beforementioned have been found	52
Mortars	...

It is probable the Enemy had more Guns and some Mortars disabled which were conveyed away or buried.

Shot		30,000
Shells		5,500
Gun Powder	Barrells	2,500

A General Return of our Forces including the Newly arrived Succours is entered in the Appendix N°· 320.

The following Particulars having been omitted in the Course of the Journal are added here—

Tuesday the 12th December 1758.—After the Cannonading this morning on the Choultry plain Colonel Lawrence observing by the Enemys Motions that they intended to fall in between him and the Fort ordered the different Posts to join and marched in good Order to the Island, the Enemy did not think proper to pursue but contended [*sic*] themselves with taking possession of the Posts our Troops had quitted beyond the Island.

Wednesday the 13th·—The Guards [*sic*] of the Garrison are settled this day as follows Vizt.

	Capt.	Subalts.	Serjt.	Corpl.	Drum.	Private.	Total.
Main Guard ...	...	1	2	2	1	30	36
North Gate ...	1	2	2	2	2	50	59
St. Thomas's Gate ...	...	1	2	2	1	30	36
Sea Gate ...	..	1	1	1	1	25	29
St. Georges Gate ...	...	1	1	1	1	21	25
North West Lunette. ...	...	...	1	1	...	9	11
TOTAL ...	1	6	9	9	6	165	196
Beside Out Posts at Night ...	2	3	5	5	5	115	135
The Reserve half to lay in the Covered way & the rest by their Arms in the Barracks.	2	4	5	5	4	200	220

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1759*——

Two Gentlemen supposed to be French Engineers were observed this morning walking on the Island to the Southward seeming to count their paces to Measure the Distance. They Stoped for some time at the Ruins of the old Powder Magazine viewing our Fortifications, but a Single Gun being fired at them from the West front they both run with all Speed toward the Garden House Bridge and disappeared.

Thursday the 14th.—Besides the Count d'Estang four French Soldiers were taken in the Sally this day and brought in Prisoners of War.

Friday the 15th.—The Guards and Out Posts remain as before besides which a Working party is ordered without Arms consisting of 1 Captain 2 Subalterns 2 Serjeants 2 Corporals 1 Drummer & 100 private Men.

The Alarm Posts for all the Troops in Garrison are establish'd & the Men acquainted therewith.

Several Deserters came in from the French at different times and belonging to different Corps who all agree in their reports that their whole Army is Drunk and plundering in the Houses about the Black Town and that they were in the same Condition last Night.

Saturday the 16th.—All the Rounds and Patroles as well in the Garrison as in the outworks for the Field officers Town Major & Officers of Guards & Out Posts are regulated and ordered.

The Enemy seemed very quiet all day and some Deserters report that our Guns having done great Execution and damage, they changed Quarters and retired to the North end of the Black Town leaving only their Guards and Piquets at this end.

Sunday the 17th.—A Coffree who has been 7 Years in the Service and was wounded in the Sally of the 14th. being unable to march in with the party and unwilling to Surrender himself Prisoner to the French hid himself in a House with two other Coffrees who were in the same case, after having remained there three days without Victuals he left his Comrades who were not able to follow him and crawll'd into the fort to join his Company.

Monday the 18th.—This morning when the Flag of Truce went out several Officers and Men of Lally's Regiment came out from behind the Houses at the entrance of the Street to look about, it is supposed their advanced Guard & Piquets are posted there to support their Works, our Guns were therefore pointed and fired at these places after the Flag returned. Some people were at the same time observed, to be Busy at some Works near the Hutts by the Seaside.

Tuesday the 19—This day five Boats were seen to come from the Southward & put in at St. Thomé, A Number of Cooleys and Bullocks laden, (probably with Ammunition) passed from St. Thomé to the Black Town.

Monday the 25th.—It is apprehend [*sic*] that when the Enemy begin to Fire from their Battery upon the Town the Dogs may run mad which often happen they are ordered to be all killed, and a Rupee to be paid for each that is brought dead to the sea Side.

Wednesday the 27th.—Deserters report that the Battery near Sumpetrows House is to consist of 8 Guns, that at the Burying Ground of 6, and that at the sea side of 16 Pieces Guns & Mortars.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1759*——

Thursday the 28th—Yesterday Morning in several places at the foot of our Glacis Papers were observed pasted upon pieces of Board at the Top of Poles stuck into the Ground, they were suffered to remain there the whole day but as soon as it grew dark, Voluntiers went out and brought them in, They prove to be Advertisement in French and English in these Words.

"Grace aux Deserteurs Francois qui rejoinderont leurs Drapeaux et part au "Butin."

"Pardon and part of the Plunder to the Deserters from the French who will "rejoin their colours. Dated the 27th. day of December 1758."

In Answer to this Advertisement the following was wrote in English and French on several Papers pasted on the same Boards and at Night Planted at a Considerable distance beyond the Foot of our Glacis fronting the Enemys Works. Vizt.

"Answer to the French Gazette of the 27th. December 1758.

"A Bird in the Hand is worth Two in the Bush.

"The Deserters from the French find English money and English Treatment "of greater value than French promises of plunder without pay; And invite their "Comrades to come and better their Fortunes."

"Reponce ala Gazette Francoise datee le 27 Decembre 1758.

"Un tien vaut mieux que Deux tu l' aura.

"Les Deserteurs François trouvent l' Argent Anglois plus Comptant et leur "Traitement plus doux que les Promesses vaines des François de leur Part au "Butin sans Paye: et Conseillent leurs Camarades de venir a Madras participer "d'une Meilleure Fortune".

A Centinel of the Company of French Deserters offered to set fire to the Enemy's Ship the Harlem by applying a Sulpher Shell to the Rudder and throwing Granades into the Gun room. He set out Night about 11 oClock upon a Cattamaran with two Boat fellows having his Combustibles and Utensils in one Pot, and alighted Match in another, Tho the night was dark he was discovered before he reached the Ship and hailed from her, which so frighted the Boat fellows that they refused to go nearer but immediately tacked about and returned without Success.

Friday the 29th.—The Enemy having Affected to send frequently Flags of Truce and to delay ours when sent out, to Stop our firing which hitherto has done them great damage in all appearance and retarded their Works, it was ordered that the Flag of Truce on such Occasions Should go only half way to receive or deliver the Message and return immediately desiring those of the Enemy to do the same by these means our firing will be Stopt but a few minutes and if any Flag of Truce Should come from the Southward the fire from the North Front is to continue notwithstanding.

Wednesday the 3d January 1759.—Deserters from the French Camp report that about 20 Europeans arrived from Nellour who had been left behind Sick when Mr. Bussy came down from the Northward——This Account seems more probable than that given by the Hircars as inserted in this days Intelligence.

Sunday the 7th.—We learn'd from the Count d' Estaing that Mr. Lally resolved to untertake the Siege of this place suddenly upon receiving Advice that our expected Squadron with the Land Forces were arrived on the Mallabar Coast, Judging that several months would elapse before they could come round to Us. From many other reports and Circumstances it appears that Mr. Lally himself forms but a mean opinion of our Garrison and flatters himself that a body of Merchants unprovided with Bombproofs Lodgments cannot long resist the Terror of his Shells and Shot. Whether this Opinion be just or not the event must prove. The Count d' Estaing seems to be of a different Opinion, he entertains

but Small hopes from the Shot and Shells which are thrown into the Town instead of the Works, hearing them Whistle by his Window "there is no Liberty for me (said he) in these Shot."

Friday the 2d. February.—About 5 oClock in the Evening the Governour being upon the S°. E^l^. or S^t^. Thomas's Bastions and observing the Enemy busy at their Guns on their South Battery by the Bar ordered a 24 lb^r^. to be pointed & fired at them Which was accordingly done the Governour Standing close by. unfortunately the Gun burst near the Trunnian and wound'd Six Men dangerousely, [*sic*] several others were hurt and the Governour himself received a Slight wound in the Leg.

Tuesday the 6.—A Man belonging to the Pioneer Company who has been missing a fortnight no body being able to give any Account of him returned from the Enemys Quarters says he was made Prisoner in the Enemys Trenches in a Sally about the 23 January, that he has been confined ever since till this morning when he made his escape with two others who intended to come over to Us but that in jumping over a Wall and running towarde this place he lossed [*sic*] them.

Compiled during the Siege.

By Jos Du: Pré',
Sec^ry^.

N. 1.

[*See page* 2].

GENERAL RETURN OF THE TROOPS IN THE HONOURABLE EAST INDIA COMPANY'S GARRISON OF FORT SAINT GEORGE DECEMBER THE 12TH 1758.

| | Officers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Staff | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

———*APPENDIX No. 2.*———

N. 2.

[*See page 2*].

A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS IN STORE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE GARRISON ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

Firewood		Billets	1,848,000	
Rice		Garce	115—0—0	
Pease			1—179	Mer.
Doll			3—365	
Gram			15—250	
Biscuit—Companys	14,500	Pd. wth	30,500	
Kings	16,000			
Candles		No.	10,000	
Wheat—Companys	Garce 9—360	Garce	16—260	
Kings	6—200			
Paddy			34—366	Mer.
Salt Fish—1st sort large	3,918			
2d do. do.	4,333			
3d do.	11,090			
4th do.	18,476			
5th do.	10,800			
Small	7,000			
			55,617	
			Md. lb	
Ghee		Candy	43-14-10	
Sugar			70- 0- 0	
Arrack—Companys	Leagr. 62-32½	or 9,332		
King's		22,000		
			31,332-0-0	
Livo Cattle			1,343	
Sheep			1,187	
Salt Beef—Companys 40 Punchs. contg. Pounds		9,886		
Kings Pieces 4,660		18,640		
Pork do. 38,884		1,16,652		
			145,178	
Suet do.			18,199	
Salt		Garce	10—316	Mer.
Pepper		Candy	8-19- 0	
Chilly			21-13-10	
Tamarind			74- 1-23	
Turmarick			3-16-19	
Cummin Seeds			6- 2-20½	
Tobacco			30-19- 5	
Beetle Nutt			15-14-13¼	
Finegreck			2- 4-10	
Leaves for Plates		No.	206,100	
Sugar		Candys	70-0-0	
Lamp Oil		Measr.	3,500	
Gingeley Oil			1,000	
Mustard seed Oil			1,300	
		Measrs.	5,800	
Earthen Potts and Tresauls			10,355	
Mallys			7,000	
Earthen Lamps			15,000	
Earthen Jarrs			50	
Guglets			150	
Baskets			11,833	
Rattan do.			1,691	
Straw	4 Staks computed at		6,000	Bundles
Matts large and small			6,565	
Well Ropes			4,000	

APPENDIX No. 3.

N. 3.

[*See page 2*].

ACCOUNT REMAINS OF MILITARY STORES IN THE GARRISON OF FORT ST. GEORGE THE 12 DAY OF DECEMBER 1758.

Iron Ordnance—			
24 Pounders	48		
18 ditto	17	& 1 unserviceable.	
12 ditto	28		
9 ditto	52		
6 ditto	6		
4 ditto	1		
3 ditto	6		
2 ditto	1		
Brass Ordnance—			
6 Pounders	6	& 1 unserviceable.	
Mortars—			
Brass—			
13 Inch	1		
10 ditto	3		
8 ditto	2		
5½ ditto or Royals	5		
4⅘ ditto or Cohorns	5		
4 ditto French	7	Unserviceable havs. no [shells?] of the size.	
Iron—			
13 Inch	2		
10 Ditto	2		
Iron Howitzer—			
7 Inch	1	No shells of this size.	
Brass Howitzer—			
4⅘ Inch	2		
Gun Powder—			
	lb.	Barrels.	
Europe Barrels contg. each	100	... 661	Barrels lb.
Cans Md. lb.	lb.	lb.	2436 20
Country 355—0—20 which compts. 100 to a Barrel.		1775 20	
Gheria		Chests. 250	
Shott and Shells—			
Round Shott—			
24 Pounders	13052		
18 ditto	9270		
16 ditto	816		
12 ditto	5605		
10 ditto	558		
9 ditto	9997		
8 ditto	2477		
7 ditto	1037		
6 ditto	7459		
5 ditto	2069		
4 ditto	4060		
3 ditto	7579		
2½ ditto	684		
2 ditto	2294		
1 ditto	1272		
Double headed Shott—			
24 Pounders	40		
12 ditto	96		
9 ditto	85		
8 ditto	61		
7 ditto	72		
6 ditto	628		

APPENDIX No. 3.—cont.

Double headed Shott—*cont.*	
5 Pounders	24
4 ditto	283
3 ditto	622
Grape Shott—	
24 Pounders	878
18 ditto	495
12 ditto	882
9 ditto	255
8 ditto	119
6 ditto	416
5½ ditto	100
4 ditto	107
3 ditto	1284
2 ditto	13
1½ ditto	243
1 ditto	191
Iron Shott for Grape—	
1 Pounders	1272
8 Ounce	18477
4 ditto	24010
2 ditto	12700
1⅛ ditto	49400
Lead Shott—	
Wall Peice	1830
Musket	974666
Shott and Shells—	
Carbine	246500
Pistol	35387
Patridge Shott—	
12 Pounders	1419
9 ditto	1398
6 ditto	1515
3 ditto	2085
Tin Patridge Shott—	
12 ditto	243
9 ditto	14
6 ditto	1631
3 ditto	32
Mortar Shells—	
Fixed: 13 Inch	296
Fixed: 10 ditto	478
Fixed: 8 ditto	185
Fixed: 5½ ditto or Royals	400
Fixed: 4⅖ ditto or Cohorns	564
Fixed: Hand Granados	2062
Empty: 13 Inch	585
Empty: 10 ditto	1116
Empty: 8 ditto	1047
Empty: 5½ ditto or Royals	1065
Empty: 4⅖ ditto or Cohorns	2257
Empty: Hand Granados	614
Carcasses Live Round 13 Inches	47
d°. Oblong 10 d°.	67
d°. d°. 8⅖ d°.	90
Empty 13 Inches	100
Fire Balls 13 Inches	148
8 ditto	453
Gunners Stores—	
Powder Horns	186
Linstocks with Cocks	22
without	20
French	10
Powder Cloths	6
Powder Chests	69
Powder Barrels	2958

APPENDIX No. 3—cont.

Gunners Stores—*cont.*		
Tannd Hides		20
Copper Funnels		2
Salting Boxes		14
Elevating Screws		29
Fuzes 13 Inch		300
13 d°. French		70
8 d°.		1147
5½ d°. or Royals		1245
4⅖ or Cohorns		1552
Hand Granadoes		1168
8 Inch not drove		150
Fuzes old 13 Inch		130
10 ditto		86
8 ditto		130
4⅔ ditto or Cohorns		300
Hand Granado		400
Port Fires		2300
Tubes—12 Pounders		2470
6 ditto		4650
Tube Boxes with Straps		89
Vices for drawing large Fuzes		3
Bulgar Hides		12
Hand Granadoes, Earthen		1500
Tin Funnels		2
Match—		
Country	Skains	3260
Europe	d°.	136
Gunners Utensils—		
Priming Irons		301
Ladles with Staves—24 Pounders		51
18 ditto		7
12 ditto		31
9 ditto		11
6 ditto		37
4 ditto		8
3 ditto		30
2 ditto		4
1½ ditto		2
1 ditto		2
Ditto spare— 24 ditto		3
18 ditto		5
6 ditto		3
4 ditto		2
2 ditto		11
1 ditto		10
Wadhooks with Staves & Rammerheads—		
24 Pounders		40
18 ditto		9
12 ditto		22
9 ditto		35
6 ditto		11
4 ditto		5
3 ditto		13
Ditto Spare—		
24 Pounders		3
18 ditto		13
12 ditto		38
9 ditto		30
6 ditto		21
4 ditto		43
Spunges with Staves & Rammer Heads—		
24 Pounders		95
18 ditto		23
12 ditto		58

———*APPENDIX No. 3*—cont.———

Spunges with Staves & Rammer Heads—*cont.*			
9 Pounders			73
6 ditto			37
4 ditto			5
3 ditto			66
2 ditto			7
1½ ditto			1
1 ditto			4
Spunges for Mortars—			
13 Inch			7
10 ditto			10
8 ditto			4
5½ ditto			7
4½ ditto			16
Ashen Staves, Spare			347
Steel Bitts			1347
Field Staves			65
Gun Searchers with Reliefs			5
Steel Prickers with Staves			3
Steel Vent Gauge Wires for Guns			6
Steel Screw Stock		Pr.	1
Steel taper Tap			1
Steel Plugs			8
Steel Bits of Sizes to bore the Vent holes			10
Vent Pin			1
Steel Drill			1
Steel Chizell			1
Necessaries for the Powder House—			
Brass Wire Sceves [*sic*]			49
Hair ditto			57
Steel Punches for Powder Scives [*sic*]			120
Dusters for Hair Scives [*sic*]			236
Materials for a Powder Mill receiᵈ. from Europe		Pˢ	14
Brass Boxes for a Powder Mill weight lb.			252½
Small Brass Boxes for ditto			23
Model for a Powder Mill		Cases	3
Gunpowder Press 1 a large Iron Screw & Bars with Wood & Iron Work compleat		Parcells	7
Bushel Measures			2
Brass Wire Work for Scives [*sic*]		Feet	34
Necessaries for the Powder House—			
Iron Screw			1
Iron Crampion, Trevil Barrs & Staples	Weight	C. qr. lb. 1 2 10	
Vellum Skins for Sieves			150
Brass Potts of Sorts			23
Ladles—Brass			2
Iron			2
Copper			2
Skimmers Brass			2
Iron			2
Copper			2
Iron Door & frame			1
Iron Stoking Shovel			1
Iron Rake			1
Iron Poker			1
Wrought Iron Barrs			8
Iron Pans Stove			1
melting			1
Cooling			15
Iron China Pans			24
Copper Chauldrons			2
Bellows Large	Pair		2
Brass Crows			8
Brass Mallets			6
Ditto Hammers			2

APPENDIX No. 3—cont.

Necessaries for the Powder House—	
Brass Scrapers	6
Copper Salt Petre Pans	15
Ditto Lutes	6
Copper Boiler with Cock	1
Mill Stones	12
Copper Brimstone Pans	15
Firelocks—	
Brass Blunderbusses	6
Ditto Musketoons	16
Iron Ditto	4
Wallpieces Long	3
Short	4
Fuzes with Bajonets	48
Bajonet Pieces New	1798
Ditto Ditto Repar[d].	144
Pistols with Ribs	prs 320
without ditto	d°. 19½
Fowling Pieces	4
Carbines	92
Ditto with Bajonets	4
Musquets wthout [*sic*] Bajonets repaired	93
Ditto Ditto Ditto New	100
Long Guns	2
Small Arms—	
Partizan	1
Brass Hangers	114
Bajonets	292
Hand Bajonets	70
Brass Basket hilted Swords	594
Brass Swords	219
Iron Basket hilted Swords	18
Halberts	37
Half Pike	1
Arms for the Troope of Horse—	
Sword Blades spare	24
Brass Basket hilted Swords	10
Carbines	9
Pistols with Brass Barrels	p[r] 5
Armoury Stores—	
Bajonet Scabbards	268
Grenado Pouches	25
Flints	481, 447
Bajonet Belts	321
Sword Belts	126
Cartridge Paper Europe	Quires 380
Juddah	d°. 35
Bengall	d°. 10345
Cartridge Boxes Europe	180
Country Wooden	500
Ditto Leather	489
Buff Sword Belts	817
Firelock Cases	646
Flint Pouches	1040
Armoury Petty Stores—	
Gun Rammers Europe Musket	196
Country ditto	600
Carbine ditto	58
Hammers	786
Pickers	496
Worms	1801
Necessaries for the Armoury—	
Sledge Hammers	2
Standing Vices	7
Screw Plates	12

———*APPENDIX No. 3*—cont.———

Necessaries for the Armoury—				
Hand Vices				10
Bench ditto				2
Rubber				1
Files				468
Iron Wire for Works and Pickers			lb.	500
Adze				1
Chizzels				2
Gouge				1
Necessaries for the Gunroom—				
Melting Ladles				16
Dripping d°.				26
Copper Shott Sieves				3
Marking and Numbring Irons				13
Horn Lanthorns				2
Dark ditto				6
Muscovy Lights				5
Antimony			lb.	20
Dammers				1158
Marlin Tarr'd			Sh^{s}	14
Intrenching Tools—				
Hand Saws				5
Cross Cut Saws				4
Whip Saw				1
Pick Axes with Helves				186
Spades				277
Shovels				320
Hand Hatchets				121
Hand Bills				189
Felling Axes				11
Mamooties				232
Broad Axes				13
Drums and Appurtenances—				
Heads, Europe				288
Country				53
Snares				218
Wooden Drums				4
Hoops				580
Braces				2058
Cords				190
Brass Drums				5
Drum Case Wood				1
Sticks			pairs	22
Beteelas for Colours—				
Europe, Red			yds.	164
Blue			d°.	68
White			do.	123
Country, Red	47½ Pieces at	7½ yds. each	d°.	356¼
White	12 d°.	@ 7½ d°.	d°.	90
Blue	14 d°.	@ 7½ d°.	d°.	105
General Stores—				
Gun Carriages	24	Pounders		48
	18	ditto		17
	12	ditto		18
	9	ditto		36
	4	ditto		1
	3	ditto		5
	2	ditto		1
Ditto ditto, Spare	24	Pounders		15
	18	ditto		5
	12	ditto		2
	9	ditto		1
Field piece Carriages	6	ditto		6
Carriages for Howitzer				2
Mortar Beds				11

——APPENDIX No. 3 cont.——

General Stores—

Iron Crow feet			38,950
Hand spikes			640
Hand Screws			9
Budge Barrels			81
Brimstone	ca. 58.	md. 12	
Ginns			2
Tumbrils			21
Wooden Horses in the Magazines & Storehouses			158
Laboritary Tables			3
Ditto Benches			2
Laboritary Chest			1
Centry Boxes			33
Mallets of Sorts			20
Letters of d°.			34
Rokett Moulds			17
Rollers			25
Shott Moulds of Sorts			19
Brass Port fire Moulds			2
Wooden Mortar & Pestil			1
Copper Scales	Setts		2
Brass ditto small with Weights	d°.		2
Copper Scales without Beams			1
Gunney Sand Bags			16000
Brass Gauges for Shott & Shells	Setts		6
Iron ditto for Shells			5
Brass Levels			2
Copper Powder Measures	Setts		2
Leaden Aprons			85
Calliber Compasses	Pr		3
Culling Nippers			3
Copper Kettle			1
Wax Cloth			230
Tarpaulins large			12
Iron Tompions			1234
Copper Hoops for Powder Barrels			584
Iron Crows			69
Brass adzes			3
D°. Knives			5
D°. Hammer			1
D°. Drivers			4
D°. Vice			1
Scaling Laders	Pr.		2
Copper Pott			1
Camp Kettles			7
Brass Weights			42
Transporting Carriages			5
Ammunition Boxes			500
Leather Bucketts			12
Knapsacks			377
Negroes Collars			49
Travelling Chains			2
Hand Cuffs	pr.		196
Rivets			154
Shackels with Forelocks			353
Forelocks spare			258
Iron Blocks with Brass Sheaves	Setts		2
Machine for pointing & firing Cannon in the Night			1
Brass Beam large with Boards			1
Steel Ditto Ditto Ditto			2
Iron Weights			18
Triangles	pr.		3
Pincers for the Laboritory	pr.		3
Spirits of Wine	Galls:		117¾
Steel Yards	pr.		17

APPENDIX No. 3 cont.

General Stores—		
Copper Clouts		315
Gun Tarpaulins		12
Brass Letter for Port fire Mould		1
Wooden Quadrants		2
Havre Sacks		4
Brass Quadrants with Levells		2
Perpendicular with Levells		2
Timbers for Cattamarans		21
Iron Work for Gun Carriages 24 Pounders	Setts	5
18 ditto	d°.	5
Tents—Markers		2
Officers		16
Serjeants		19
Private		147
Train d°.		17
Bells for Aims		29
Iron Barrs for Stove Pan	lb.	413
Wheel Barrows		99
Barrells for Chevaux de frize		50
Grease	Duppers	5
Gun Harness . . for Men		48
Park Pickets		9
Salt Petre refined	lb.	60
Sulpher d°.	lb.	120
Charcoal	Soops	2514
Coopers Tools—		
Grindstone		1
Jointer & Irons		5
Bung Borers		2
Adzes		5
Crow & Iron		1
Tap Borers		2
Drawing Knives		5
Punches		2
Drivers		5
Cold Chizzels		2
Axes		2
Steel Compasses	p^{r}.	1
Hand Hammers		3
Irons for Jointers		2
Brass Cock		1
Pincers	p^{r}.	1
Account Cattle—		
Bullocks		75

Fort S^{t}· George 12 December 1758

CHA^{s}: BOURCHIER,

Milty Storek^{r}·

——*APPENDIX No. 4.*——

N. 4.

[*See page 2.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON

Decem^{r}· 12th : 1758.

Sir

This Morning the Enemy's whole Force mov'd from the Mount & Marmelon; and after some Opposition from our Army on the Choultry Plain posted themselves at Egmore & the Garden House—Our Troops retreated into the Fort & Black Town. You will exert yourself as far as you prudently can in cutting off the Enemy's Supplies and in short rendering their Situation as uneasy to them as possible, in which I hope you will soon be assisted by Usoff Cawn. Despatch him this advice of our own & the Enemy's Situation and desire him to advance this way as speedily as he can.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 5.

[*See page 2.*]

To RICHARD JASPER ESQ^{R}.

Decem^{r}· 12th : 1758

Sir

In Consequence of your appointment to be Captain in the Marine Service of the East India Company you are to take charge of the Brigantine in the Road, named the Victory and to Use your Endeavours to take or distroy the French Ship now lying between this and Pondicherry and laden with Artillery, Mortars &ca: intended to be brought against Madrass By our last advices she was off Conimeer.

If you succeed in taking the Ship your best Method will be to shift your People into her, let the Brigantine proceed on her Voyage and endeavour to work up or warp hither with all Expedition.

If you should want any Provision or Water more than We have put on board you may write to M^{r} Charles Smith at Sadrass who will either supply you from thence or forward your Letter to Us when We can dispatch a Boat to You If your attempt should not succeed you must make the best of your way back to this place which We beleive will be soonest effected by putting off to the Eastward and falling in with Pulicat We are

Sir
Your most obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA C^{o}:

N. 6.

[*See page 2.*]

To MAJOR CAILLAUD

December 13th 1758

Sir

Yesterday Morning the Enemy's whole Force mov'd from the Mount and Marmelan. Our Army which was incamped upon Choultry Plain gave them some Opposition with Field Pieces, and then retired to the Garrison and Black Town.

The Enemy are encamp'd near the Garden House and have also possession of Egmore. It is said they have got two Eighteen Pounders. Other heavy Stores they expect to come by Sea to Covelon.

———*APPENDIX No. 6.*———

I hope soon to hear of your joining Usoff Cawn with some Forces from Tanjour, and recommend to you to advance as far as you can this way, to cooperate with Captain Preston at Chingliput in such measures or Enterprizes as may best tend to distress the Enemy in their present situation, in point of Provisions, Stores &ca. As soon as I hear of your approach, If any advantage can be taken by[?]the Enemy by an Opperation to be carried on in concert between You and the Garrison. I will write to you; and in the mean time do you give me your Thoughts on that Subject. I cannot at this time spare any Boats, nor indeed Officers to send you. If you think any thing more may safely be drawn from Trietenopoly to Strengthen you; Write to Captain Smith who will comply with what you may desire.

At Changleput there are four Officers besides Captain Preston I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 7.

[*See page 2.*]

To CAPTAIN JOSEPH SMITH December 13th: 1758

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of the Letter wrote you the 11th Instant.

Yesterday the Enemy's whole Force mov'd from the Mount & Marmelan and after some Opposition from our Troops upon Choultry Plain encamp'd near the Garden House, and tooke possession also of Egmore.

I hope that Major Caillaud has got some [Assistance] from Tanjour and is on his way to join Usoff Cawn. If he should [*a word lost*] any thing that can safely be furnish'd from Trichenopoly, he will [*a word lost*] to you, and you will supply him. The Enemy have not attempted C[hing]liput where Captain Preston remains.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 8.

[*See page 2.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON December 13th: 1758

Sir

The Beforgoing is Copy of what I wrote you Yesterday. Some Deserters who are come in to day inform Us the Enemy had between [30] and 40 Men kill'd by the Cannonading Yesterday and that Col[l]· Kennely is posted near Changleput with 300 Men intended to oppose Usoff Cawn.

——*APPENDIX No. 8.*——

The Inclosed Letters for him and Major Caillaud please to forward with all the Intelligence you have.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 9.

[*See page 2.*]

December 13th : 1758

To USOFF CAWN

I have not received any Letters from you since that dated the 5th at Tricolur. Yesterday morning the whole French Army mov'd from the Mount and Marmelan and after some Opposition from our Troops upon Choultry Plain in which Thirty or Forty of their Men were killed and several Wounded they encamped near the Garden House and our People retired into the Fort and Black Town.

Captain Preston at Changleput will acquaint you whether any Party of the Enemy is sent to oppose you, if their [*sic*] should, I do not doubt but you will defeat them, and advance as near as you can to this Place that We may concert together a Scheme for attacking & Routing their Army at an appointed time.

They are already much distressed for Provisions and you will easily prevent any Supplies comming to them from the Country.

N. 10.

[*See page 3.*]

STATE OF THE TROOPS IN HONBLE EAST INDIA COMPYS GARRISON OF FORT ST. GEORGE WHEN INVESTED BY THE FRENCH ARMY 12 DECR: 1758 AS ℔ RETURNS FROM YE DIFFERT CORPS.

	Infantry.																Artillery.									
	Officers Artillery Infantry and Troop.												Non Commissiod Officers & Soldiers.													
	Lieut.s Colonels	Majors	Captains	Town Major	Major of Brigade	Capn. Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Ensign & Fire workers	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Chaplin	Surgeons Mates	Volunteirs	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Commissary	Clerk of Stores	Conductors	Serjeants	Corporals	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Total	Total of Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers
Strength the 12th Instant	2	2	20	1	1	4	27	18	5	4	1	2	3	129	57	1,379	1	1	2	7	6	15	49	116	197	1,762
Sick Deducted	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	9	172
Remained Doing Duty the 14 Instant	2	2	17	1	1	4	27	18	5	4	1	2	3	120	56	1,226	1	1	2	7	6	15	47	109	188	1,590
Detached on the Sally the 14 Instant	1	2	8	...	..	2	8	10	2	1	...	...	1	40	28	610	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	6	14	692
Remained Doing Duty in the Garrison	1	...	9	1	1	2	19	8	3	3	1	2	2	80	28	616	1	1	2	7	5	14	41	103	174	898
Kill'd in the Sally the 14 Instant	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Returned to Garrison	..	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	51
Wounded & Prisoners	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Prisoners with the Enemy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Total Killed Wounded & taken Prisoners ...	...	1	2	...	...	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	8	2	202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	213
Strength of the Garrison doing duty the 14 Instant	2	1	15	1	1	3	24	15	5	4	1	2	2	112	54	1,024	1	1	2	7	6	15	47	108	187	1,377
Sick & Wounded in Garrison	...	1	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	10	2	201	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	10	223
Total in Garrison ...	2	2	19	1	1	3	25	15	5	4	1	2	2	122	56	1,225	1	1	2	7	6	15	49	116	197	1,600

ROBERT BANNATYNE,
Town Major.

——*APPENDIX No. 11*——

N. 11.

[*See page 3.*]

FROM Mr. LALLY
TO COUNT D'ESTAING

A la Ville Noire de Madrass, ce 14 Decr 1758.

Nous voila tous Monsieur bien tranquilles quoi que bien fachés en même tems. Je ne suis point de tout en peine du traittement que vous feront Messrs. Pigot et Lawrence mais cela ne me console point du Malheur qui me prive de vous; Je vais chercher a entamer une negociasion pour vous r'avoir, si ce que J'ay pris forme une equivalent, Je crois que vous me rendrez la justice d'imaginer que Je ne balanceray pas une Instant.

Je ne scay pas encore le nombre des Officiers ou Soldats que J'ay, le premieur peuvent monter a 10 et les Soldatsa [80] a nous avons 3 Officiers tu'ez et 5 Blesséiz Ribou des premiers, Saubinet dangereusment blessé.

J'ay I'honneur d'etre avec le plus perfaite Attachment.

Monsieur
Votre tres humble
et tres Obeissant Serviteur
LALLY.

N. 12.

[*See page 3.*]

TO MAJOR CAILLAUD

Decemr: 14th. 1758

Sir

Herewith is Copy of what I wrote you Yesterday. This Morning the Enemy attack'd the Black Town with the greatest part of their Force both Black and White. Our Parties thereupon retired into Garrison and about an hour after, a Sally was made upon a Body of the Enemy which had advanced as far as the Burying Ground. A very warm Action insued and the Loss of Killed and Wounded was very considerable on both sides, at length the Enemy retreated as far as the Portuguize Church, leaving Count D'Estaing and twelve or Fifteen Men Prisoners. I am informed that their Intention is to lodge their whole Force in the Black Town. If so the Communication on the South side will be open X and our Correspondence will be easily carried on.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

A Like Letter to Captain Joseph Smith & Captain Preston N 14 & 15 with this Addition X and Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn will find less Difficulty in advancing this Way & corresponding with Us.

N. 13.

[*See page 3.*]

TO USSOFF CAWN

Decemr: 14th: 1758.

I wrote you a Letter Yesterday of which I send herewith a Copy. This Morning the Enemy with the greatest part of their Force both Black & White attacked the Black Town. Att that time a Sally was made from the Fort, and a very warm Action insued. A Great Number of the Enemy were killed and Wounded; on our part also Several were Killed and Wounded. At Length the Enemy were obliged to retreat as far as the Portuiguise Church leaving the Count Destin their Second Officer and about twelve or Fifteen Men Prisoners in our hands. I am

———*APPENDIX No. 13.*———

informed the Enemy intend to keep their whole Force in the Black Town ; if so the South side will be open, and We shall be able by consulting Measures between Us, to prevent their receiving any supplies of Stores or Ammunition from Pondicherry.

[Note.—*Appendix No.* 14 *and No.* 15 *referred to on page* 8 *supra, are not copied in the original.*]

N. 16.

[*See page 4.*]

ce 15 Xbre a 10 h : de Matin

Mr Lally to Count D'Estaing

Vous au'rez sans doute Monsieur recû mon billet d'hier au soir ainsi que Mr Lawrence, on ne m'a encore fourni que l' Etat cy joint du grand hopital des Blesséz et prisoniers. J'auray ce soir celuy de notre entrepot ou l'on me dit qu'il y enaencore 30 ou 40 et un Officier, je vous prie de le remettre a Mr Lawrence et de luy demander un pareil etat de ce qu'il peut avoir a nous, Je ne connois que Tillecour et Saubinet en danger, du poete le gras de jambe percé ainsi que Verdiere, Cariere un Coup de feu au talon qu'il traitte comme celuy de la Gerge a Tanjour, Un Offr., de mon Regt. la Cuisse cassée, de tuez roides que Ribou et Trudaine, ainsi cette Chaufourèe nous coutera 5 Offs. dont 3 a regretter, Je dis chaufourée car si vous aviez eté a la tete de Lorainne il n'eut pas été surpris, et il n'echapoit pas un Anglois, et meme si Bussy avoit laissé marcher Crillon avec 300 hommes de mon Regt : il en fut arrivé de meme, au lieu qu'il ne nous a resté que 3 Pieces de Canon et qu'il a rentré plus de deux cents Hommes dans Madrass', je vous manderay au juste notre perte par la lere Occasion et quand J'en auray fait faire les Appels ceque je n'aurois pu faire hier a cause de l'Araque dont jay fait jetter la restant a la Mer donnez moy je vous supplie de vos Nouvelles vos Comissions et disposez en tout de votre Serviteur.

Lally.

N. 17.

[*See page 4.*]

Ce 15 Xber

Mr. de Bussy To Count D'Estaing

J' ai été tres sensiblement touché de votre malheur cependant J'ai appris votre prison avec une Joie trés vive, ne douttes pas Je vous supplie Monsieur le Comte, de la part sincere que je prends et que je prendrais toujours aux Choses qui vous regardent, Voyez Si vous me Jugés proper á vous Server et disposés absolument de mes Soins. Je sens tout ce qui peut vous toucher dans votre avanture, mais vous avez des motifs d'esperance et de Consolation, ces derniers surtout sont bien flateurs, vous le trouves dans la douleur generale qu'a causé une perte comm a trous, Je vous demande en Grace de me faire connoitre ce que vous souhaites et de me regarder comme une homme sur le devouement duquel vous pouvés conter sans Reserve.

Nous Sommes fort aises, sans etre Surpris des egards et de la Consideration qui vous trouves ou vos etes, Les Anglois sont des ennemis illustres et Genereur, et leur procedés doivent necessairement porter l'en preiniple [?] de leur Caracteure.

De Bussy.

N. 18.

[*See page 4.*]

To the Right Hoñble the Count of Lally Lieutt. General & Commander in Chief of his Most Christian Majesty's Troops, his Commissary in India and Great Knight of the Order of St. Lewis at his Army.

15 Decemr : 1758

Sir,

The Count D'Estang has given to me the State of our Prisoners with you, and I have the Honour to send you with this the names of those I have of Yours, they are slightly Wounded and shall have all possible Care taken of them.

——*APPENDIX No. 18.*——

Two Blacks, Servants of our Officers who are Wounded & with you, having desired they may be permitted to waite upon their Masters, I have given them liberty to take this Opportunity of waiting upon you for that Permission.

I am Sir

Your most Obed$^{t.}$ Hum$^{ble.}$ Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

LIST OF FRENCH PRISONERS TAKEN 14 DECEMBER

S$^{t.}$ Gregoire...Sarg$^{t.}$ deGranadiers
De la Chelme...Corp$^{l.}$ deGranadiers
Chaillot...Granadier
Beauche d' Or...Granadier de Lorrain

} des Trouppes de la Companie.

To M$^{r.}$ LALLY **N. 19.** 15 DECEMBER 1758

Monsieur [*See page 4*]

Ce que vous avez la bonté de me marquer augmente ma Reconnoissance et multiplie cruellment mes Regrets. J'ai assuré M$^{r.}$ Pigot que vos bontés pour moi vous avoient dicté dans le premier moment l'offre que vous m'avez fait dans la Lettre que vous m'avez ecrit hier, le desir que J'ai d'etre échangé quelque grand qu'il soit ne m'aveugle pas je m'allegerois d'etre échange contre un aussi grand nombre de braves Gens ; je les estime et je me connois ; vous y perdrie 3 trop si tout autre moyen est possible je vous supplie de vouloir bien l' employer, les Attentions que M$^{r.}$ Pigot a pour moi et ses bons traitements ne peuvent etre plus grand, j'ignore s' il m' auroit accordé de sortir de la ville sur ma parole je ne l'ai pas demandé, ne pouvant pas partager vos dangers je veux du moins courir ceux de vos Bombes et de vos Boulets quelques attachés que me sont mes Gens c' est avec la plus grande peine que j'ai engagé un a courir les mesmes perils et a rester ici

J'ai' l' honneur d'etre avec Respect
Monsieur
Votre tres humble et tres
obeisant Serviteur

ESTAING.

N. 20.

[*See page 4.*]

A MON^{R} : DE BUSSY BRIGADIER DES ARMEES DU ROI

15 December 1758.

Receves Monsieur tous mes remerciments je retrouve par tous les marques de votre Amitié, la plus grande que vous puisses me donner seroit de decouvrir les moyens de me faire echanger et de vouloir bien entamer cette Negociation ce n'est pas a moi a la proposer l' utilité dont je serois pendant le Siege seroit Nulle ou mediocre ; la place prise je serai libre, et je ne produirai aucune benifice a la Garrison il me semble qu'il seroit utile aux Assieges de se conserver le petit produit de ma prise et de se debarasser des soins qu'ils daignent se donner pour moi, ne pouries vous pas leur proposer de me rendre mon Activité et de me faire suivre non pas le sort de la Garrison mais de convenir de ceux contre qui je serois echangé apres la Siege ; je redeviendrois prisonier si chose impossible la Ville n'etoit pas prize, ou bien on pouroit convenir d'avance du Nombre des Soldats dont je serois alors l'equivalent, veila des Idees, celles des prisonniers sont toujours Obscures, votre Amitie pour moi les eclaircirat j'ai pour vous Monsieur et pour M$^{r.}$ d'harambure tous les memes Sentiments d'amitie et de Respect que vous voules bien avoir pour moi.

ESTAING.

——*APPENDIX No. 20.*——

Tout le Monde me demande des Nouvelles de M[r] Laws j'ai assuré qu'il se portoit bien.

Permettes que je fasse mes Remerciments a Monsieur de Soupir et que j'embrasse Mons[r]. de Caillon s'il avoit marché ou que mon Cheval ne seroit pas abattu je ne serois pas Prisonnier.

Si vous trouves mes propositions raisonables parles en Je vous prie au General.

N. 21.

[*See page 5.*]

M[r] BAZIN TO COUNT D'ESTAING — Au Camp tous Madrass ce 16 Xber 1758

Monsieur

A Monsieur de Bussy me charge de vous informor qu'il a recu hier la lettre que vous lui aves fait l' honneur de lui ecrire il a des raisons particuliere pour ne vous point ecrire dans le moment, il a mit les fers au feu pour ce que vous desires, il vous assure de son respectueux et parfait devoument

Je suis enchanté que cette petite Commission Monsieur me procure l' avantage de vous renouveller les Assurances du respectueux et sincere Attachment avec lequel J'ai l' honneur d'etre

Monsieur
Votre tres humble & tres
Obeissant Serviteur,

BAZIN.

N. 22.

[*See page 5.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Rec[d]: 16 Dec[r]: 1758

I lately address'd you a letter advising you fully of my taking the Gady of Elwanasore, enterring Tercalore, want of Money for Expences and ruinous State of the Country. On the 17 [?] I attacked the Strong Gady of Tercalore, fought a whole day very warmly and about 8 o'Clock that night, the Enemy's People Demanded a Cowle which I accordingly granted, and I set them at Liberty with their Effects. I seized about 50 Firelocks, 2 Small Guns, Ammunition &ca. In our Army 55 Men were wounded including Tondamons People and 15 Killed. Aulem Cawn and Mukendran Subadars were also wounded. In the same manner the Enemys People Suffered. I have also Delivered over this Country to Kishenraw Amuldar of Jagada. This day being the 8 I halt in this Place and am in great want for the Expences of the Army. Yesterday about 200 Horse 1500 Colleries and 250 of the Rachevars arrived in the Army, News was brought that the Tanjour Troops were set out to this side on their arrival I shall advise you.

I had the happiness to receive your Letter advising of the Examination of the Accounts of Tinnevelly and Madura being finished & of the Departure of Major Caillaud and to act in conjunction with him and likewise not to pay Batty to the Troops in the Fort of Madura and Palamcotah and to Punish the Enemy. As soon as the Major comes, I shall accordingly act in Conjunction with him. Concerning the Examination of the Accounts being finished, I desire you 'll grant me a Seperate Discharge which I shall esteem a great favour. I dont find any means for the Satisfaction of the Savacars Money. As to the Tennevelly Country it has been constantly involved in Trouble on all sides. Notwithstanding, I stayed there, Now I need not urge much to you on that Head. If the Seapoys are not paid their Batty, they will on no Accounts Stay in that Country, because there are always troubles, having no time in the Fort, and nothing but pains & troubles both Night and Day, besides which Provisions are Dear for which reason the People will not agree to it you may therefore do as you please.

——*APPENDIX No. 23.*——

N. 23.

[*See page 5.*]

CAPTAIN PRESTON 16 December 1758.

Sir

Yesterday and to day nothing remarkable has happened. The French are moving all their Stores and Baggage from the Southward into the Black Town. I have received just now a Letter from Usoff Cawn advising of his having taken Tricolour the 7. My Answer is inclosed and I desire you will send it on by the same People, When he arrives at Chingleput and marches this way I would have you give him some *Gunners* a part of your *Military*, and some *Seapoys* if he thinks it necessary. I am informed the *French* intend to send away the Prisoners they took in the Action of the 14 to *Pondicherry* to *morrow* Endeavour to get intilligence on this Subject and if it be possible make a Push to retake them as I conclude they cannot afford a very strong Guard. I am surprised that I receive no Letter from you, Hircars may now easily get in from the Southward.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 24.

[*See page 5.*]

To USOFF CAWN 16 December 1758.

Just now I received your Letter of the 8 advising of your having taken Tricolur, which gave me great pleasure. I have already wrote you of the Enemy's marching this way and lodging themselves in the Black Town, and of the Battle which was fought the 14 Instant in which Count D'Estaing a Brigadier General was taken Mr Riboux & Soubinet Killed and several other Officers were killed and Wounded; By some Deserters which are come over from the Enemy since I am informed that their loss of Men, killed and Wounded was betwen [*sic*] four & five hundred. Nevertheless they are so rash as to remain in the Black Town.

I desire you will come to Changleput where Captain Preston will order some Europeans and an Addition of Seapoys to join you, you will then proceed hither with all Expedition, and as soon as you are at a proper distance We will attack the Enemy on all sides with our United Forces so that not one of them shall escape.

Concerning Money I have already wrote you that if it be necessary I can send a supply by Boat to Sadrass and as soon as I receive your Answer how much is wanted I will dispatch it to you. As to the Batta in the Forts of Madura and Tinnevely, if you think it necessary on account of the Dearness of Provisions, or the Disturbances of the Enemy it may be continued for the Present.

N. 25.

[*See page 5.*]

FROM CAPTAIN JASPER Victory Madrass Road 17 Decr: 1758.

Sir

I am under the greatest Concern imaginable that I am obliged to inclose to you the determination of the People belonging to the Kings Ships, I have made use of every Argument that could excite men who had the least fire in them to proceed on the Enterprize with Chearfulness and Spirit, but to no purpose, for they appear to be insensible to every thing that carry's the face of Fame or Reputation.

In the several conferrences I have had with these Men, I gave them to understand [*sic*] that what they was about amounted to Mutiny, and that they must Know

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the Consequence attending the Voilation of Order and Discipline and in what a despicable Light they must stand in the Oppinion of Mr Pocock when he heard of their behaviour, in short, they was deaf to all I could urge.

After weighing and Considering well this unacountable Step, I concluded it was much better to let you know it than to use the Authority that I have by confining them as Mutineers which would Create disorder and Confusion, and might embarrass you & myself. I therefore beg leave to recommend that a Boat may be sent off as soon as possible for these Men without Hearts

I propose sailing the first Moment the Wind and Weather will permit, with the Marines. We should have got under Sail on Thurday [*sic*] Morning, but with all the Force We could use it was impossible to get our Anchor up, I was once about giving Orders to cut the Cable, but think it very happy I did not, as We have only another Anchor & Cable to trust to. We have taken all the Care imaginable to cover our Men from the sight of the French by hanging Sails from the Fore to the main Shrowds I think myself extreamly happy in having Mr Holford with me for I persuade myself he is a Young Man of Spirit.

From our Glasses We cannot discover any Works that are throwing up opposite were We lay.

I have the Honnour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant
RICHD: JASPER.

P.S. I have this Moment had the favor of yours and am very sorry to add, that Captain Manly has expressed himself in terms, that speak him very little of the Officer, by swearing that he will not obey me or any power you can give.

If you approve of my proceedings, I beg you'l Order the Flag to be hau'ld down and hoisted again it will give great pleasure to your

most obedient Servant
RICHD: JASPER.

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To RICHARD JASPER ESQR. Snow Victoria 17 Dec 1758

Sir

Knowing the Force of the Ship We are to go against, and the Number of Men that is on board her, and the Vessell, We are on board of, is any way's fit for the Design, We thought proper to acquaint you, that We are not willing to act and have hereunto set our Hands.

THOS: LIMBERY.
JOHN BARRETT.
WILLIAM LIGHT.
OBAEBAT WORTHLEY.
JOSEPH DAWES.
CHARLS BABBER.
WILLIAM ADAMS.
WILLIAM BURNET.
ROBERT RIDOUT.

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17 December 1758

To the Right Hoñ'ble the Count
D'Estaing Brigadier General of his Most
Christian Majesty's Army's at Fᵗ Sᵗ George

Sir

I have reflected on the Conversations I have at times had the Honour to hold with you and I feel in its full force the Chagrin that must accompany your Misfortune; When I consider too your polite and Generous behaviour to the Gentlemen of my Nation when under the like Circumstances, The strongest desire is exited in me to procure you that, which I am sinsible you much wish your Liberty. Were I to place your Merit in the Ballance I could receive no Equivalent; but as the Rules of War prescribe certain equivalents for Officers according to their Rank, if Mʳ Lally's proposal in his Letter to you of the 14ᵗʰ which you did me the honour to communicate to me extends to that Eqivalent [*sic*], I will subscribe to it with the greatest pleasure.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient and most humble Servant
George Pigot.

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17 December 1758

From the Count D'Estaing

Monsieur

L'estime et mon devoir m'ont dicté les foibles marques d'attention que J'ai donné a vos compatriottes : si je n'etois pas votre prisonier je vous dirois que l'amitié personelle que J'ai pour eux etoit d'accord avec ce que je devois. Vous faites beaucoup plus, vos politisses et vos attentions sont excessives, c'est la seulle chose dont je puisse me plaindre,l'unique demande que J'ai eu a vous faire a été d'y mettre des bornes ; il ne m'est pas encore, permis de me nourir a mes depends, et une des chambres les plus comodes de votre gouvernement, me sert de prison ; vos visittes, et celles de Colonel Drapper me la rendent agreable ; il s'est éfforcé de deviner, et de me faire rendre les plus petittes choses que j'avois perdu dans l'action, soyes persuade Monsieur que ma reconnoissance égalle des procédés aussi genereus. Vous n' ignores pas ma façon de penser sur ce que Mʳ· leComte de Lally a eu la bonté de m'écrire le 14 : vous aves vu la reponce que je lui ai fait, et ce que J'ai marqué a Mʳ· de Bussy, la proposition de Mʳ Lally etoit dictée par l' interest qu'il daignoit prendre a ce que me regarde, elle m'etoit adressée uniquement; c'etoit une lettre de consolation pour adoucir le premier instant de mon infortune : il ne parlle plus de meme dans sa seconde lettre, il m' ecrivoit dans l'inde : vous scaves Monsieur tout ce que J'ai eu l'honneur de vous dire il est inutile de le repetter, croyés je vous suplie que je regretterois de n'avoir pas reçut tous les. coups qui ont portté dans mes habits si' l'on m'echanger oit contre autant de braves gens, je les estime trop pour y consentir, je crois qu'ils ne changeroient rien au sort de la place, mais je me reprocherois eternelement la mort de ceuxqu'ils pouroient immoler en la déffendant, j'ignore si Mʳ· de Lally a désaprouvé ce que j'ai mandé a Mʳ· de Bussy, je le crains : si vous voullies, cepandant, Monsieur traitter de ma liberté sur cette baze et avoir la bonté, de me marquer ce que vous en pensés, j' hasarderois de l'en instruire, il me semble que cette proposition est totalement

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a votre avantage, vous vous assureriés par la un moyen d'echange pour des Officiers principaux : la tres médiocre valleur de ma prise deviendroit certaine : elle paroit, maintenant, au moins doutteuse, la place prise elle est nulle ; si ce que je crois impossible arivoit vous n'y perdriés rien, l'echange seroit constaté, il n'y auroit donc d'autre équivalent en faveur de M^r^ de Lally qu'un retard fort court ; la certitude du peu que je vaus, et votre demande éxorbitante m'ottent toutte esperance, et ettouffent l' extreme desir que J'ai d' etre échangé : pour quoi ? n'est il plus permis de payer soi meme sa rançon ? on le fesoit autre fois : j'offrirois a M^r^ le Colonel Drapper le modique bien que j'ai, peutetre qu'il s'en contenteroit vous aves desir que je vous repondes en Français mas rapelles vous, je vous prie, que je vous ai répéllé ; that in Business a Prisoner is like a Dead Man : mettes moi dans l'endroit qui serat le plus exposé et la moins incomode ; et surtout perméttés moi de faire achetter ici, ou de faire venir de notre camp, le peu qui serat necésaire a ma subsistance.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec la plus sincere
reconnoiseance, et la plus parfaite consideration,
Monsieur,
Votre tres humble et tres
obeissant Serviteur
ESTAING.

N. 29.

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TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R^
AND THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE
AT BOMBAY.

Gentlemen

I^st^ Inclosed is Duplicate of our last letter dated 2^d^ Ultimo The Oppinion We there gave of the Enemy's Designs proves to be very just, for in the beginning of this Month as soon as the heavy Rains were over there whole Force march'd directly for Madrass, the 12 after about an hours Cannonading upon Choultry Plain, they advanced as far as the Garden (late M^r^ Munro's) about a Mile and half from the Town and there encamped. The 13^th^ they remained in the same place, and the 14 they marched round, and entered the Black Town, the small Parties We had posted at the Different Avenues retir'd into the Garrison, and soon after a Sally was made & a very sharp Action insued ; Consequently the Number of Killed and Wounded was considerable on both sides : Major Polier is among the latter, but not dangerously. On the part of the Enemy Count D'Estaing a Brigadier General is taken, Ribout Captain of Granadiers Killed. Soubinet mortally wounded & several others Killed and Wounded as M^r^ Lally himself writes to the Count D'Estaing. They have fixed their head Quarters at the Portuigueze Church in the Black Town, and seem to be beginning upon some Works on that side. We hope We shall soon give you an Account of the Arrival of the Fleet from England and of the Enemys disappointment.

But even if We should be so fortunate, We think it will nevertheless be for the General Good that you send Us as large a Reinforcement as possible, to enable Us to make head against the French on this Coast and thereby put it out of their power to give any Disturbance to other parts of India.

From various Reports we have Grounds to beleive that Colonel Forde has defeated the French Army to the Northward.

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We request you will also supply Us largely with good Gunpowder our Mill being in possession of the Enemy who will doubtless destroy it if they should be obliged to retreat.

If you have an Opportunity of Writing to England by Sea or Land, please to acquaint our Honble Masters with the Contents of this Letter.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s} BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VAN SITTART.

Fort S^{t} George
17th Decem^{r} 1758.

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To GEORGE POCOCK ESQ^{R}
VICE ADMIRAL OF THE RED AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA.

Sir

We have the satisfaction to hear of your passing Anjengo by your Letter to the President of the 5 November. You will find by that which We had the Honour to write you the 2^{d} November of which a Duplicate is inclosed that We suspected the Enemy had Design's against this place; and our suspicion is verified, for in the beginning of this Month as soon as the heavy Rains were over their whole force marched directly for Madrass. The 12th after about an hour's Connonading upon Choultry Plain, they advanced as far as the Garden (late M^{r} Munro's) about a Mile & a half from the Town and their encamped the 13th; they remained in the same place, and the 14 they march'd round and entered the Black Town. The small Parties we had posted at the different Avenues retir'd into the Garrison, and soon after a Sally was made, and a very sharp action ensued. Consequently the Number of kill'd & Wounded was considerable on both sides. Major Polier is among the latter but not dangerously. On the part of the Enemy Count D'Estaing a Brigadier General is taken: Ribout Captain of Granadiers Kill'd Soubinet mortally wounded & several others Kill'd and Wounded as M^{r} Lally himself writes to the Count D'Estaing. They have fixed their head Quarters at the Portuiguze Church in the Black Town, & seem to be beginning upon some Works on that side. We have no news of the Warren, nor of the Fleet under the Command of M^{r} Tiddeman but hope to see them in a few days and to have the satisfaction of advising you that the Design of the Enemy is frustrated.

But we have represented to the Select Commitee at Bombay that although we should be so fortunate as to defeat this Attack of the Enemy, it will nevertheless be necessary for the General Good that they reinforce us with as many Men as possible, to enable Us to keep up the Opposition upon this Coast and thereby prevent any attempt upon the other Settlements: We are persuaded that you will agree in this Reasoning and enforce our Representation to the Select Committee.

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From various Reports we have good Grounds to beleive that Colonel Forde has defeated the French Army to the Northward.

We have the honnour to be with the
greastest [*sic*] Esteem
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S^{t} George
17 December 1758

N. 31.

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To THOMAS HODGES ESQ^{R} CHIEF AT TELLICHERY.

Sir

Our last Letter was dated the 27 of October and has been transmitted in two Copies by Sea. The beginning of this Month, the heavy Rains being over, the Enemy's whole Force marched directly for Madrass. The 12th after about an hours Cannonading upon the Choultry Plain, they advanced as far as the Garden (late M^{r} Munro's) about a Mile & half from the Town, and there encamped, the 13th they remained in the same Place, and the 14 they marchéd round, and entered the Black Town, the Small Parties we had posted at the Different Avenues retir'd into the Garrison, and soon after a Sally was made and a very sharp action ensued. Consequently the Number of killed and Wounded was considerable on both Sides; Major Polier is among the latter, but not dangerously. On the part of the Enemy Count D'Estaing a Brigadier General is taken. Ribout a Captain of Granadiers Killed Soubinet mortally Wounded & several others Killed & Wounded as M^{r} Lally himself writes to the Count D'Estaing. They have fixed their head Quarters at the Portuiguze Church, in the Black Town, and seem to be beginning upon some Works on that side. We hope We shall soon give you an Account of the Arrival of the Fleet from England and of the Enemy's Dissapointment [*sic*].

Please to forward the Inclosed Letters to Bombay: one for the Admiral, the other for the Select Committee.

We are
Sir
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S} BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S^{t}: George 17 Decem^{r}: 1758

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To CHARLES CROMMELIN Esq^r^
CHIEF AT ANJINGO

Sir

We have received your favor dated the 8^th^ November with Copy of a Request made to you by our Commandant at Pullumcota, the arrival of M^r^ Lally oblig'd Us to withdraw all our Europeans from the Southward Countries, which is the reason the application made to you was not so regular as you expected; however it may be of great Consequence that you supply our Officer whether European or Seapoy with any material Article of Military Stores he may have occasion to apply to you for and We have already frequently made this Resquest [*sic*] both to the Precidency at Bombay and your Predecessors at Anjengo.

The Enemy having collected together their whole Force marched directly for Madrass the beginning of this Month the heavy Rains being over the 12^th^ after about an hour's Cannonading upon Choultry Plain they advanced as far as the Garden (late M^r^: Munro's) about a Mile and a half from the Town: and there encamp'd. The 13^th^: they remained in the same Place, and the 14 they march'd round and entered the Black Town. The small Parties we had posted at the different Avenues retir'd into the Garrison and soon after a sally was made & a very sharp Action ensued. Consequently the Number of Kill'd and Wounded was considerable on both Sides. Major Polier is among the latter but dangerously. On the Part of the Enemy Count D'Estang a Brigadier General is taken. Ribout Captain of Grenadiers is Kill'd Soubinet mortally wounded and several others Kill'd and Wounded as M^r^ Lally himself writes to the Count D'Estaing they have fixed their head Quarters at the Portuiguze Church in the Black Town, and seem to be beginning upon some Works on that side. We hope We shall soon give you an Account of the Arrival of the Fleet from England and of the Enemy's Disapointment.

From various Reports We have grounds to beleive that Colonel Forde has defeated the French Army to the Northward.

We are
Sir
Your most humble Servants

Fort S^t^ George
17 Decem^r^ 1758

GEORGE PIGOT.
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JOHN SMITH.
CHA^s^ BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

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To LIEUT^r^: COLONEL FRANCIS FORDE

Sir

Herewith is Duplicate of our Letter dated the 11^th^: Instant. The 12^th^: the French Army march'd from the Mount and after about an Hour's Cannonading

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upon the Choultry Plain, advanced as far as the Garden (late Mr: Munro's) and their encamp'd. The 13th: they remain'd in the same place and the 14th: they march'd round and enter'd the Black Town. The small Parties We had posted at the Different Avenues retir'd into the Garrison and soon after a Sally was made and a very sharp Action ensued. Consequently the Number of Kill'd and Wounded was Considerable on both sides; Major Polier is among the latter but not dangerously. On the part of the Enemy Count D'Estaing a Brigadier General is taken. Ribout Captain of Granadiers Kill'd. Soubinet mortally Wounded and several others Kill'd and Wounded as Mr. Lally himself writes to the Count D'Estaing. They have fixed their head Quarters at the Portogueze Church in the Black Town, and seem to be beginning upon some Works on that Side. We hope our next Letter will give you an Account of the Arrival of our Fleet or at least of the Disappointment of our Enemy. You will be pleased to forward a Copy of this to the Select Committee at Bengal from whom We doubt not you will receive the Directions necessary for the General Good.

We are
Sir
Your most obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM: PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort St: George
17 Decemr: 1758

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON — 17 December 1758

Sir

The Bearer of this is Mootoo Pilla Vakeel of Usoff Cawn. He is going forward to his Master and I desire you will furnish him with a Horse, and any other Assistance that may be necessary for his Journey I have already wrote you that when the Army under his Command arrives at Changleput and proceeds towards Madrass you must assist him with a few Gunners, as well as some Europeans and Seapoys if he thinks necessary; Nothing remarkable has happened to Day.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To MORAROW — 17 December 1758

As you neglected so long to send your Army to join mine, the Enemy gather'd Pride every day; and at Length ventured to march into the Company's Limits

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and raise a Disturbance even in the Pettah where they have fixed their Quarters. Our Troops march'd out and engaged them the 14th: when one of their Generals was taken, several other Officers Kill'd & Wounded and a Great Number of Men. On our side also some Officers and Men were Kill'd and Wounded. Major Caillaud & Usoff Cawn Commandant are on their March from Trichenopoly with the Company's Seapoys, & some Europeans and Artillery, also the Tanjours and Tondiman's Troops are with them. On their Arrival We shall attack the Enemy on all sides and then I shall acquaint you of the Event. Several days ago I sent your Vakeel, along with Garmazey Punt with the necessary supply for the March of your Army. If you send them soon with orders to join Major Caillaud & Ussoff Cawn, they may have a share in the Victory which by the Blessing of God will soon be gain'd over the Enemy.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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To BANDARY POLYGAR OF WANTAVELAN 17 December 1758

As you are a faithful Servant of the Circar, and a Friend to the Company I write this to acquaint you that Major Caillaud and Ussoff Cawn Commandant are marching this Way with a large Army of Horse and Foot; You should therefore now give a Proof of your Zeal and Fidelity by yielding all the necessarry Assistance to the said Serdars and joining them with your Troops. The Enemy have been so rash as to raise a Disturbance in the Company's Bounds and to fix their Quarters in the Pettah. You will hear in a few days that a just Punishment has attended them.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 6.*]

To USOFF CAWN 17 December 1758

I send herewith a Copy of the Letter I wrote you Yesterday. To day nothing extraordinary has happened I have wrote to Bandary Polygar of Wantavalam to assist and join you and to Morarow that in case he sends his Horse according to the agreement of his Vakeel who was dispach'd to him with the necessary supply of Money, that he should order them to join you. I hope you will very soon be within a small Distance of the Garrison that We may agree upon a Scheme of attacking the Enemy on all sides the Money you want may either be sent to Sadras as I before proposed or may be sent out directly to your Army when you come near, as the Enemy will then be oblig'd to withdraw the small Guards they have at St. Thomé and other places to the Southward.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 37 (B).

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To USOFF CAWN 17 December 1758

Your Vakeel Mootoopilla having Offer'd to go to you himself in order to give you a full account of Affairs here, he accordingly sets out with this Letter. He will acquaint you particularly with the Situation of the Enemy, by which you will be able to judge which Road to take. Write to me every day of your March

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that I may consider of a proper time for attacking the Enemy and advise you. As soon as you come near enough to secure the Roads, the Money you want shall be sent from Madrass, which will be better than sending it by the way of Sadras.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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Au Fort S$^{t.}$ George a 16 Xber 1758

FROM THE COUNT D'ESTAING TO M$^{r.}$ LALLY :

Monsieur

J'ai l' honneur de vous rendre Compte que J'ai receut une Lettre de Monsieur Pigot, et que Je lui ai fait reponce ; je vous les envoye : je crois inutile d'y rien ajoutter ; les bon procedés que Monsieur Pigot veut bien avoir pour moi ont a ce que je crois pour premier principe le desir de vous plaire, une des choses que Je souhaite le plus c' est de savoir des Nouvelles des Officiers que vous m'aves marqué étté Blessés.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec Respect
Monsieur
Votre tres humble et tres
Obeissant Serviteur
ESTAING.

MONSIEUR LE COMTÉ DE LALLY
LIEUTENANT GENERAL DES ARMES DU ROY
COMMANDANT EN CHEF DANS L' INDE ET SON
COMMISSARIE GENERAL GRAND CROIX DE L'ORDRE
DE S$^{T.}$ LOUIS
A SON ARMEE.

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We do hereby acknowledge to have received of Captain Matthys Frans the Snow Victoria, for the value whereof We promise on behalf of the English East India Company to be accountable to the Owner in Bengal Fort S$^{t.}$ George the 18$^{th.}$ December 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA COUNSIL.

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TO THE HOÑBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ$^{r.}$
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA COUNSIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We have this day drawn on you two Setts of Bills, One for three thousand Current Rupees payable to Captain Matthys Frantzen or Order, an [*sic*] the other for two thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Arcot Rupees payable to M$^{r.}$ Charles Lewis Hagemeister or order both at 10 Days sight, which We request you will Honour the Reason of these Draughts We shall advise you by another opportunity.

We are
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W$^{M.}$ PERCIVAL.
JOHN S ITH.
CHA$^{S.}$ BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S$^{t.}$ George
18 Decem$^{r.}$ 1758

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON

18 December 1758

Sir

The Peon Veeranah, who returns to you with this Letter, brought me at noon the Account of your success against the French Convoy the 14th: at night. The loss of those Stores will interrupt them much, and I persuade myself that when Usoff Cawn joins He will be able with your Assistance to block up the South Road intirely and draw as near to our Garrison as may be necessary for the Execution of any Enterprize that may be agreed on between Us. Nothing remarkable has happened here since the 14th: Intelligence is brought me that Mr: Lambert marched Yesterday Morning from St: Thomé to the Southward with One Hundred European Foot, 100 European Horse, and 100 Black Horse, and that Chunda Saib's Son went at the same time to Poonamale with most of their remaining Black Horse. Lambert I suppose is intended to cover some Convoy; you will spare no Pains or Expence to get good Intelligence, and take every advantage that offers over the Enemy.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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THE GUARDS OF THE GARRISON AT FORT St: GEORGE DECEMBER 17TH: 1758.

Post's.	By Night							By Day						
	Captain.	Subaltn.	Serg'ts.	Corpls.	Drums.	Private.	Total.	Captain.	Subaltn.	Serg'ts.	Corporals.	Drum's.	Private.	Total.
Main Guard ...	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	1	1	1	1	21	25
Sea Gate Redout.	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	...	1	1	..	12	14
Nort East Bastion.	...	...	1	1	...	12	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Demi Bastion ...	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Gate ...	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	1	1	1	1	21	25
North Ravalin ...	1	1	2	2	2	50	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Blind before the Mint Bastion Saly Port.	...	...	1	1	...	12	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nort West Lunette.	...	...	1	1	...	9	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St: George's Gate	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	1	1	1	1	21	25
St: George's Ravelin.	...	1	1	1	1	30	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South West Ravelin.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saint Thomas's Gate.	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	1	1	1	1	21	25
Saint Thomas's Ravelin.	1	1	2	2	1	49	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Demi Counter Guard before St: Thomas's Bastion.	...	1	1	1	1	21	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saint Thomas's Bastion.	...	...	1	1	...	11	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	10	16	16	11	320	375	...	4	5	5	4	96	114

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GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE STRENGTH OF THE GARRISON

—	Officers.																			
	Lieutt Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Captn. Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Lieutt Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeon.	Staff. Chaplin.	Adjutants.	Qr Masters.	Surgeons.	Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductor.
Troop of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	3	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2
The Honourable Companys Artillery.	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
His Majestys 64 Regiment.	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines.	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honourable Companys First Battalion.	...	...	7	...	...	...	5	...	9	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ditto Second Battalion.	...	...	6	...	...	...	8	..	7	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries ...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total ...	2	1	19	1	1	3	21	2	18	5	1	1	1	4	4	...	1	1	1	2

CASUALTIES.

THE HONBLE COMPANYS ARTILLERY.

Received { Captain ... ... 1; Captain Lieutenant ... 1; Lieutenants 2

Preferd. { Second Lieutenant ... 1; First Lieutenant ... ... 1; Lieutt. Fireworkers ... 2

HIS MAJESTYS 64th REGIMENT.

Preferd. { Mr. Andrew Vaslet Voluntier. Mr. Jas. West ditto.

Prisoner with the French. } Mr. Chs. Halpanny Voluntier

THE HONBLE COMPANYS 1ST BATTALION.

Wounded { Major ... 1; Lieutenant ... 1

Sick—Captain 1

Prisoners with the French, { Lieutenants ... ... 1; Ensigns 1

THE HONBLE COMPANYS 2D. BATTALION.

Missing—Ensign 1

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OF FORT ST. GEORGE DECEMBER THE 18TH: 1758

Doing Duty.										Sick and Wounded in the Hospital.									Total.	Casualties.						
				Centinels.									Centinels.													
Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topasses.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matros-es.	Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Deceassed.	Deserted.	Missing.	Entertained.	Received.	Removed.	Kill'd wounded or taken Prisoners.
...	3	1	1	30	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	35	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
4	5	3	...	...	...	...	12	34	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	65	...	...	...	...	19	...	...
7	...	5	...	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	..	...	...	173	2	...	...	1	...	..	21
3	3	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	38	26	...	394	36	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	42	1	...	...	...	...	585	1	..	50	...	32	17	...
39	38	20	...	235	26	75	...	...	...	2	3	2	43	2	7	...	...	...	492	1	...	...	17	48	48	...
26	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
122	89	55	1	887	62	75	14	44	116	5	9	2	116	3	7	1	5	1	1,614	4	...	50	18	99	65	21

GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE SEAPOYS IN FORT ST. GEORGE.

December 18, 1758.	Tanna's. of Horse.	Blackmen of Horse.	Commandant.	Sobbedars.	Jamedars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Collourmen.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeter.	Seapoys.	Total.
First and Second Battalion &ca. ... • ...	2	5	1	32	130	231	183	49	42	16	1,529	2,220

ROBT. BANNATYNE,
T. Major.

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A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 19 DECEMBER 1758 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

—	Remains the 12th.	Expend fr : 12 to 18 incd.	Remains the 19th
Firewood ... ... No.	1,848,000	109,200	1,738,000
Rice ... ... Garce	115-0-0	5-390-0	109- 10-0
Pease ... ... do.	1-179-0	...	1-179-0
Doll ... ... do.	3-365-0	...	3-365-0
Gram ... ... do.	15-250-0	0-114-0	15-136-0
Biscuit (Kings & Co.) ... ... lb.	30-500-0	0-360-0	30-140-0
Candles ... ... No.	10,000	...	10,000
Wheat (Kings & Co.) ... ... Garce	16-160	0-48	16-112
Paddy ... ... do.	34-366-0	1-44-5	33-321-3
Salt Fish of 6 Sorts ... ... No.	55,617	16,369	39,248
Ghee ... ... Candy	43-14-3-8	2-1-6-38	41-12-4-10
Sugar ... ... do.	70-0-0-0	...	70-0-0-0
Arrack (Kings & Co.) ... ... Gallons	31332	476½	30855½
Live Cattle ... ... No.	1343	...	...
Killed for the Garrison 132			
died 81	...	293	1050
turn'd out being old and bad 80			
Live Sheep ... ... No.	1187	...	...
Killed for the Garrison... 430			
died 108	...	538	649
Salt Beef (Kings & Co.) ... ... lb.	28526	...	28526
Salt Porks (Kings) ... ... lb.	116,655	...	116,655
Suit [*sic*] (do.) ... ... lb.	18,199	...	18,199
Salt ... ... Garce	10-316-0	0-65-7	10-250- 1
Pepper ... ... Candy	8-0-19	Md. 3-23	7- 16-21
Chilly ... ... do.	21-13-10	1-16-5 oz.	21-11-18-11
Tammarind ... ... do.	74- 1-23	1-15- 1-11	72- 6-21- 5
Turmerick ... ... do.	3-16-19	0-1-10	3-15- 9
Cummin Seed ... ... do.	6- 2-20½	0-1-0	6- 1-20- 8
Tobacco... ... ... do.	30-19- 5	1-2-11-2	29-16-18-14
Beetle Nutt ... ... do.	15-14-13¼	0-13-0-9	15- 1-12-11
Finegreck ... ... do.	2- 4-10	0- 0- 5	2- 4- 5
Leaves for Plates .. .. No.	206,100	22,444	183,656
Lamp Oil ... ... Measrs.	3,500	...	3500
Gingely Oil ... ... do.	1000	16⅔	983⅓
Mustard Seed Oil ... ... do.	1300	..	1300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls, Mallys, Lamps, Jars & Guglets ... ... No.	19,055	2,172	16,883
Basketts of Sorts ... ... No.	13,524	365	13,159
Matts large and small ... ... No.	6,565	150	6,415
Well Ropes ... ... No.	4000	...	4000
Straw ... ... Stacks	4	½	3½

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 12 TO THE 19 DECEMBER 1758.

			Remains the 12th Decemr. 1758.	Receipts since.	Issues since.	Remains the 19th Decemr. 1758.
Gunpowder.						
Europe	Barrels contg. 100 lb Each ...		661	...	16	645
Country Candys 355—0—20 Md. lb. wch:	Computing 100 lb to a Barrel are ..		1775–20 lb	...	28	1747–20 lb
	Barrels of 100 lb each ...		2436–20	...	44	2392–20
Gheria	... Chests ..		250	...	...	250
Shott ... ... Round	24 Pounders		13052	...	110	12942
	18 ditto ...		9270	...	18	9252
	12 ditto		5605	...	13	5592
	9 ditto		9997	...	54	9943
	6 ditto		7459	...	11	7448
Grape	24 Pounders		878	...	11	867
	9 ditto		255	...	1	254
Mortar Shells	5½ or Royals		1465	...	26	1439
	Hand granadoes		2676	...	10	2666
Match	Country ...	Skains.	3260	...	15	3245 Skains.
	Europe ...	ditto.	136	...	1	135 ditto.
Necessaries for the Powder House ...	Brass Wire Sieves		49	...	+ 7	42
	Hair ditto		57	...	+ 2	55
	Gun Powder Press 1.a large Iron Screw & Barrs wth Wood & Iron work Compleat	Parcels.	7		+ 7	...
	Brass Potts of Sorts		23	...	+14	9
	Ladles Brass ...		2	...	+ 2	...
	Iron		2	...	+ 2	...
	Skimmers Brass		2	...	+ 2	...
	Iron		2	...	+ 2	...
	Stoking Shovel Iron		1	...	+ 1	...
	Rake ditto		1	...	+ 1	...
	Poker ditto		1	...	+ 1	...
	Melting Pan ditto		1	...	+ 1	...
	China Pans		24	...	+18	6
	Copper Cauldrons		2	...	+ 2	...
	Brass Crows		8	...	+ 8	...
	Mallets		6	...	+ 6	...
	Hammers		2	...	+ 2	...
	Scrapers		6	...	+ 6	...
	Copper Brimstone Pans ...		15	...	+15	...

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 12 TO THE 19 DECEMBER 1758—*cont.*

		Remains the 12th Decemr. 1758.	Receipts since.	Issues since.	Remains the 19th Decemr. 1758.
Firelocks	Wall Pieces	7	...	5	2
	Fuzees wth. Bajonets ...	48	1	3	46
	Bajonet Pieces repaired ...	144	214	160	198
	Pistols with Ribbs ... pr.	320	4	65	259
	Fowling Pieces	4	...	2	2
	Carbines	92	6	5	93
	Ditto wth. Bajonets ...	4	...	1	3
	Musquets wth. Bajonets Repd.	93	192	14	271
Small Arms	Brass Hangers	114	26	79	61
	Bajonets	292	20	...	312
	Brass Bask hilted Swords ...	594	32	104	522
	Brass Swords	219	4	3	220
	Halberts	37	20	2	55
	Half Pikes	1	1	...	2
Armoury Stores	Flints	481, 447	...	8	481, 439
	Bajonet Belts	321	...	12	309
	Sword Belts	126	...	16	110
	Cartridge Boxes Europe ...	180	53	94	139
	Country Leather ...	489	...	167	322
	Buff Sword Belts	817	...	64	753
Armoury Petty Stores. ...	Gun Rammers Muquests [*sic,*] Europe.	196	...	100	96
	Hammers	786	...	43	743
	Pickers	496	...	411	85
	Worms	1,801	...	37	1,764
Drums & Appurtenances. ...	Wooden Drums	4	...	2	2
	Sticks ... pr.	22	...	2	20
General stores	Centry Boxes	33	...	+2	31
	Gunney Sand Bags ...	16,000	...	750	15,250
	Wax Cloth Pcs	230	...	53½	176½
	Brass Adzes	3	...	+2	1
	Knives	5	...	+1	4
	Vice.	1	...	+1	...
	Do. Weights	42	...	+20	22
	Copper Scales ... Setts	2	...	+1	1
	Brass Beam large with Boards.	1	...	+1	...
	Triangles ... pr.	3	...	+1	2
	Charcoal ... Soops	2,514	...	36 Lost at ye. Mill.	2,478
Account Cattle	Bullocks for the Powder Mill	75	...	10	65

All other Articles remain as particularized in the General Account of the 12th Instant.

N.B.—The Articles Marked + where [*sic*] in the Powder Mill when it was taken possesion of by the Enemy & fell into their Hands.

Fort St. George, 19th December 1758
Chas. Bourchier
Milty Storekr.

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N. 46.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 12TH TO THE 18 DECEMBER 1758 BOTH INCLUSIVE.

Days.	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
	Remans.	Received.	Dead.	Dischargd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Dischargd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Dischargd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Dischard.
12th ...	81	...	...	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
13th ...	63	5	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
14th ...	64	6	...	8	1	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
15th ...	62	2	...	9	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
16th ...	55	5	...	11	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	...	...
17th ...	49	2	1	...	55	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	...
18th ...	50	2	1	1	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	1	...

ROBT TURIN Surgeon.

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LIST OF THE FRENCH DESERTERS COME IN FROM THE 12th TO THE 18 DECEMBER INCLUSIVE.

Country.	Names.	Regiment they belonged to	To what Company given.
English ...	Benjamen Harris ...	Lallys Regiment ...	Major Calliauds. [*sic*]
Ditto ...	Christ Gibbon ...		
Irish ...	James Kisby ...	Ditto. Ditto. ...	Captn: Pascall.
German ...	Michel Stain ...		
Germans	Jacob Golsinger ...	Fishers Regiment ...	Captn: Rd: Smith.
	John Merely ...		
Irish ...	Arther Conly	Lallys ditto.	Captn: Gurtlers.
German ...	Frederick Kemp	Companys ditto.	
English ...	John Conny	Lallys ditto.	Captn: Greigs.
German ...	Henry Peterson	Busseys ditto.	
French	Francis Neru ...	Companys Train	
	Aerr. Derecour ...		
	Pierre David ...		
	Jean Robbert	Volontr. de Burbon.	
	Bretucille	Mainvelles Granadiers.	Captn: Monchanin.
	Pierre Cailleaux	Lallys	
	La Branch d'Or	Dragoons	
	Baptist Fresinitt	Dragoons d Ormond	
Irish ...	Charles McKay ...	Lallys ...	
English ...	John Williams ...		
Germans	Chrisr. Ross ...	Fishers ...	
	John Stephen ...		
	Demote ...	Companys ...	
	Madrianack ...		
French	Gaspar Salie	Lambert ...	
	Transmontague	Lorraine ...	
	Eneas Baram	Lallys ...	
German ...	Gregoria Genter	Fishers ...	
French ..	Francis Jaque	Companys Troops ...	
German ...	Johan Berner ...		
Hanover ...	Peter Van Verneck Son to Gen Van Verneck ...	Fishers ...	
Strasbourg.	Mathew Whitman ...	Ditto. ...	
	Johannes Hleen ...		

APPENDIX No. 48.

N. 48.

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To the Nabob December 19th: 1758

As you have long been desirous of proceeding to Trichenopoly and an Opportunity now offers of going by Sea to Negapatam, I think it most adviseable that you embark with your Family, and as many of your attendants as possible, You may waite at Negapatam untill an Escort from the Garrison of Trichenopoly arrives there. I have directed Captain Smith immediatly to send one and I have wrote to the Governour of Negapatam to furnish you with whatever you may require during your stay there. Both those Letters are sent you herewith. In case the King of Tanjour has not already sent his Forces along with Major Caillaud I do not doubt but your Influence will prevail on him to do it, and you may either accompany the said Forces or remain at Trichenopoly for the regulation of the Countries to the Southward.

I have already wrote you what I thought necessary on that Subject, and which I hope you will comply with; that is to assign and pay to the Company's Officer out of the Revenues of Trichenopoly and Syringam the sum of Fifty Thousand Rupees Monthly to defray the Charges of the Garrison and the Remainder to be divided between the Company and the Circar. Madura and Tinnevelly should be left under the management of Usoff Cawn's People untill the Debt and Arrears are discharged, and then the necessary Sum must be assign'd for the expence of the Troops and the Remainder, be equally divided between the Circar and the Company as before mentioned. I have wrote also to the King of Tanjour and Tondeman, and have sent the Letters herewith. I hope you will have a good Voyage and that I shall soon have the pleasure of hearing of your safe Arrival.

N. 49.

[*See page 10.*]

To Hugh Norris Esq[r]:

Sir;

The Nabob having determined to proceed with his Family to Trichenopoly, and being very desirous that one of the Counsil should accompany him as far as Negapatam, We have appointed you to this Service; You will waite upon the Governour of Negapatam along with the Nabob, and enforce the Request made in our General Letter that he may be furnish'd with such Conveniences and Assistance as may be requisite during his Stay there.

We have taken the opportunity of sending in this Vessel a Chest with Twenty thousand Pagodas for the use of the Garrison of Trichenopoly. It goes consign'd to you, and in case of your absence to M[r]: Bodle and is to be forwarded when the Commandant sends a proper Escort for it.

We are Sir

Fort S[t]. George Your most obedient Servants

19 Decem[r]: 1758 George Pigot &ca Counsil.

N. 50.

[*See page 10.*]

To the Hoñble Stephen Vermont Esq[r]

Governour and the Gentlemen
of the Counsil at Negapatam

Gentlemen

The Occasion of this Address is to make known to You that the French Army has lain before this Place since the 12 Instant and the Nabob with his Family having had long Intentions to remove to Trichenopoly we make use of this Vessel as the most favourable Opportunity to Transport them thither. He will have the

———*APPENDIX No. 50.*———

Honour to pay his Compliments to your Governour, and We are to request that You will supply him with such Conveniences as he may require untill an Escort from the Garrison of Trichenopoly shall meet him. We will make ample Recompence to the Owners of this Vessel for the Freight of her and We beg you will be assured that nothing but so urgent an Occasion could have induc'd us to make Use of her without their previous Consent.

Our Communication is pretty open both to the Southward and Westward and We are in daily expectation of making it very soon much more so: if not intirely; We hope therefore that We shall have the Honour of hearing from you in reply to this. Either Our Resident at Sadrass will be able to forward it to us by land or our Resident at Puliacat by Sea.

Mr. Hugh Norris one of the Counsil at this Presidency accompanies the Nabob to Negapatam and We shall esteem every favour you are pleased to shew him in a particular degree.

We are with the most perfect Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
and most humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort St. George
18th: Decemr: 1758

N. 51.

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To CAPTAIN JOSEPH SMITH — 19 December 1758

Sir;

Inclosed is Duplicate of what I wrote you the 14 since which nothing material has happened except that a Detachment from the Garrison of Changleput defeated a Party of the Enemy's Seapoys who were escorting a large Mortar and two Guns with about Fifty Bullocks loaded with Ammunition. They spik'd up the Mortar and Guns, burnt all the Carriages, and carried the Bullocks into Changleput I have not heard from Usoff Cawn since the 8th: when he was at Tricolur. By this time he must be near Changleput and I hope Major Caillaud his [*sic*] joined him.

The Nabob with his Family being desirous of proceeding to Trichenopoly and the Number of their Attendants being very inconvenient in the Town, He will embark this Evening in a Brigantine for Negapatam from whence Mr. Norris will forward to you this Letter, on Receipt of which you will order an Escort of Seapoys with a few Europeans to meet the Nabob and I have desired the King of Tanjour to send a Party of his Troops at the same time.

As the Shroff's People may be unwilling to srpply you with Money during the present troubles I thought this a good Opportunity to send a Sum to Negapatam; and have accordingly consign'd to Mr. Norris and in his absence to Mr. Bodle Twenty thousand Pagodas which you may order to be sent up to you with the same Escort that conducts the Nabob.

Out of this you must supply the Army under Usoff Cawn if he or Major Caillaud should draw upon you and the Nabob has further promised to comply with what I have desired of him in my Letter of this date, of which I send you a

———*APPENDIX No. 52.*———

Copy, so that I persuade myself you will not be in future under any Difficulties about Money.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 52.

[*See page 10.*]

TO THE KING OF TANJOUR 19 DECEMBER 1758

The Nabob being desirous of going to Trichenopoly for the Regulation of the Countries to the Southward, now proceeds by the way of Negapatam, and you will have the hapiness of paying each other a Visit. As you will have the satisfaction of discoursing with him concerning the proceedings of the Enemy and the Situation of Affairs here I need not say much on that Head. After ruining the whole Country they march'd with all their Force to Madrass and on the 14 Instant entered the Pettah; at that time a part of our Troops from the Garrison march'd out and attack'd them A very warm Engagement ensued in which the Enemy had one General taken Prisoner. M^r^ Soubinet and five or Six other Officers kill'd and as many wounded, and three or four hundred Soldiers Kill'd and Wounded; on our Side also Major Polier was wounded, with some other Officers and several Soldiers Kill'd and Wounded. However the Enemy are so rash as to remain in the Pettah, You will hear what happens after the arrival of Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn with the Company's Seapoys; and yours and Tondamon's Army.

Our Commandant at Changleput took two day's ago a large Mortar and two Guns with several Bullocks loaded with Ammunition belonging to the French. As the Enemy are now making the last and greastest [*sic*] Effort It is adviseable that you should do what is necessary for their Disapointment and the General Good of the Country I doubt not you have already complyed with what Major Caillaud recommended and that you will now do whatever the Nabob shall desire and represent to be necessary. You should order a good Officer with a Party of your Troops to go along with the Escort Capt^n^ Smith will send from Trichenopoly, to conduct the Nabob from Negapatam.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 53.

[*See page 10.*]

TO TONDAMAN 19 DECEMBER 1758

I have heard from Usoffs Cawn of your people's joining him and very much approve and commend your Zeal & Fidility. As soon as they come near enough to stop the Road to Pondicherry we s^l^ all with our United Strength attack & distroy the Enemy, whose whole Force have lodged themselves in the Pettah, with a view to raise a Disturbance against the Fort.

As the Nabob has long been desirous of going to Trichinopoly in order to regulate the Countries on that Side he now takes an Opportunity of proceeding with his Family by way of Negap^t^am and Tanjour. You will therefore have the Hapiness to pay him a Visit and to give him further proofs of your Fidility.

On the Day which the Enemy entered the Pettah a Part of our Troops went out of the Fort and engag'd them, took one of their Generals, kill'd five or six of their best Officers and wounded as many: and about three or four hundred of their Soldiers were killed or Taken; On our Side also One Major and some other Officers were Wounded and Several Soldiers were killed or taken. The same day our Officer at Changleput defeated a French Party and took a large Mortar and two Guns with several Bullock Loads of Ammunition. As you are a firm Friend I thought proper to acquaint you with the Affairs here, and hereafter what may happen I shall also advise you.

GEORGE PIGOT.

——APPENDIX No. 54.——

N. 54.

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To Captain Robert Holford
of the Snow Victoria

Sir

The Nabob and his Family purpose to embark this Evening to facilitate which you will towards the Close of the Day Anchor nearer in but rather to the Southward of the Southermost Bastion, you are to receive them on board and accommodate them in the best Manner you can, M^r. Hugh Norris one of the Counsil of this Presidency will accompany him by whose Advice you will be guided in case of any unforseen Event. As soon as they are on board you will weigh your Anchor and make the best of your way to the Road of Negapatam taking care to keep a Good Offing untill you are past Pondichery it is intended that the Nabob and his Family should land at Negapatam in doing which you will observe such Instructions as you shall receive from M^r. Norris, This being done you will with all possible Expedition supply yourself with such necessaries as you may be in absolute want of and then set sail and make the best of your way to Anjengo from thence you are to proceed to Tellicherry and thence to Bombay and at each place you will deliver the Letters herewith sent you according to their Address on your Arrival at Bombay you will follow such Orders as you shall receive from the President and Counsil there for your further proceedings dated in Fort S^t. George the 20 December 1758.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Percival.
John Smith.
Cha^s Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry Vansittart.

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Au Camp dev^t Madrass ce 20 Xber 1758

From M^R. Lally to the Count D'Estaing

Je n'ay pû faire Reponse hier Monsieur a la Lettre que vous m'avés fait l'honneur de m'ecrire ou etoit incluse celle de M^r. Pigot, parcéque je ne scavois pas au jûste les noms des Officiers Anglais Prisonniers qui sont a S^t. Thomé J'avois toujours pris la precaution de les y faire rester tous, quand J'ay envoyé les Soldats á Pondicherry. Je n'ay gardé de me departer de ce que J'ay une fois avancé ce seroit la premiere fois de ma vie et trop de Motifs d'ailleurs m'y engagent. Il ne m'est pas même venû en Tête en proposant vôtre echange de rappeller la Conduitte que J'avois tenu en relachant deux Captain de Vaisseaux, Colonels, et le Commandant du Fort St David Lieutenant Colonel contre des Cap^nes: des Lieutenants et même contre rien.

Voici les noms des Officers Anglais qui existent a S^t. Thomé Hume, Cap^ne Chasse, Cooke, Smith, Blaire Lieutenant, Philips enseigne, il en est mort deux autres a l' hopital que je ne connois point, et il y á un q^e qui ne veut point être echangé et qui á éte 'Renvoyé á ce que l'on dit pour mauvaise Conduite.

Au Reste Je viens de recevoir une Lettre'de M^r. De Leirit qui me marque que les Allies des Anglais s'etoient approchés a cinq Lieues de Pondicherry et qu'ils ajoutoient le meurtre des Aldiens a l' Incendie de leurs Villages ; cette façon Maratte de faire la Guerre que je ne connoissois pas, m' authorise á des represailles qui vont devinir Sanglantes et J'envoye demain des Ordres pour bruler le Grand Mont et á Six lieues á la ronde de Madras avec diffense de n'epargner ni femmes ni Enfans.

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J'ay ordonné en même tems, et je vous prie de le luy dire, qu'on epargnat la Maison de M^r. Stewens, dont Je suis faché que l' on avait apporté les Clefs trop tard.

Quant aux nouvelles de nos blessés il n'y a, a Ajouter a l'etat que je vous ay envoyé qu'un Officer et trente sept Soldats Anglais de plus dont trois ont été brulés dans la Poudriere avec sept de nos Cepayes.

De notre Coté il n'est point mort d' Officiers, Soubinet est hors d'Affaires, mais Je crains toujours pour Tilcourt et Sessac, le reste sont des Blessures Ordinaires qui ne demandent que du Tems.

Pour ce qui est Soldats nous en avons cinq^te. Six des deux Affaires actuellement á l' hopital, ce qui n'est pas en proportion ordinaire avec trente deux que nous avons eu de tués sur la Place.

Je vous laisse le Maitre de faire votre disposition du Retour et de celuy des Officiers Anglais, Comme vous le Jugeres a propos.

J'ay l' honneur d'etre avec un sincere Attachm^t. Monsieur, Votre tres humble et tres Obeissant Serviteur.

LALLY.

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[*See page* 11.]

FROM THE COUNT D'ESTAING
To M^R. LALLY.

AU FORT S^T. GEORGE CE 21 Xber 1758.

Monsieur,

J' avois prié M^r. Pigot de reflechir sur la Lettre que vous avez eu la bonté de m'écrire hier il l' a fait et pense toujours de même voici sa réponce; il m'a dit de vous en rendre compte; elle me met au desespoir cependant elle m'a etonné encore plus qu'elle ne m'aflige.

M^r. Pigot ne veut plus m'echanger contre tous les Officiers. il s'embarasse peu qu'ils soyent libres ou non; ils sont blessés, ils lui seroient a Charge; mon échange n'est plus en son pouvoir depuis que vous avés renvoyé les Soldats a Pondichery, il les comprenoit dans votre proposition. Je me suis efforcé de le convaincre, que cela ne pouvoit être, que jamais vous n' avies imaginé échanger un seul homme contre une Troupe entiere que vous le voudries en vain que j'neis cur [?] cet Article jusqu á la desobeissance que cela etoit sans exemple, que vos bontes pour moi vous feseront deja sacrifier trop, et qu'il vaudroit autant comprendre aussi dans le Mot, tout es Postes dont vous vous êtes emparé; j'ai rapellé inutilement la facilité avec la quelle vous aves relaché les deux Capitaines de Vaisseau; M^r. Pigot m'a dit que cela regardoit M^r. Pocock, qu'ils n'avoient que rang de L^t. Colonels, et que M^r. Powllier n'etoit que Major, je lui ai fait concevoir qu'un brigadier n'etoit qu'un Officier particulier roulant actuelement en Europe avec les Colonels Allemans, je lui ai donné l'Etat de tous les Officiers principaux qui sont sous vos Ordres pour lui faire sentir combien peu je vous etois necessaire, et que l' Amitie seulle vous gu doit; le Tableau de sa Situation presente, des evenements futures, et vraisambabblement tres proch ains ne l' ont point fait changer quand a moi je l'ai assuré qu'il pouvoit executer ce qu'il m'a fait entrevoir, et m'envoyer par son Vaisseau a Bombaye, dans le Gange, ou en Europe, que je ne m'en plaindrois pas; et que les bons ou mauvais traitments devenoient desormais indifferents a quelqu'un qui voudroiit mlle fois etre Mort.

M^r: Pigot m'a assuré qu'il etoit tres affligé des meurtres, et des Incendies que les Allies des Anglois ont commis a cinq lieues de Pondichery; il m'a prié de vous dire que cela etoit contre ses Ordres et contre ses Intentions, il remet a votre generosité la vie des pauvres Aldeens qui n'en sont pas coupables, ainsi que a distruction des Maisons; M^r: Pigot m'a dit que M^r Dupleix les avoit fait bruller

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sans cause de réprésailles peutetre seras ce un Motif pour vous Monsieur pour les laisser subsister pardonnes moi cette reflexion, je la hazarde, je connois votre façon de penser; soyes je vous suplie tres tranquile sur la mienne et sur mon etat: j'envie celui du pauvress M^r^ de Tillecourt, et de M^r^ deSessae je ne scaurois trop vous remercier de ceque vous daigne me marquer des autres bléssés, j'en ai été dautant plus aise qu'on m'avoit annoncé la Mort de Saubinet au milieu des regrets les plus amers, et des reflexions les plus tristtes ma premiere et presque unique inquietude est de conserver vos bontes; M^r^ Pigot m'a promis de faire scavoir a M^r^ Stevens ce que vous m'ordonnés de lui dire permettes moi d'embrasser M^r^ de Crillon.

I' ai I' honneur d'etre avec Respect
Monsieur
Votre tres humble et tres
Obeissant Serviteur
ESTAING.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON 21^st^ Decem^r^: 1758

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of my Letter of the 18^th^: since which nothing remarkable has happen'd the Enemy have brought this Morning two large Guns by the way of Egmore. They came to S^t^ Thomé by Sea. I have not yet had any Letter from you, nor from Major Caillaud. Nor have I heard from Usoff Cawn since the 8^th^.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON 22^d^ December 1758

Sir,

Meer Muncore who was formerly in our Service has engag'd to join you from S^t^ Thomé with One hundred Horse and to get together as many more as he can, of all which he is to be Commandant, He is to be allowed 400 Rupees a Month for his own pay, and to be paid for each Horseman at the rate of 30 Rupees ℔ Month. I have engaged to advance him four thousand Pagodas, to be deducted afterwards in the Account of Pay, and out of this I have paid him here 500 Pagodas. The rest you are to pay him at Changleput. As soon as I can supply you with sufficient Money, and which I will find means to do in a few days.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To THE COMMANDER OF THE SHIP COMMING IN FROM THE NORTHWARD

22d December 1758

Sir,

The French have invested this place for these ten days past, if you Command a Ship of Force you may disturb them much in their Trenches if you bring too [*sic*] a little to the Northward of the Fort, those Trenches will appear clearly to you by a Brest [*sic*] Work thrown up about fifty Yards to the Southward of the Black Town, But if your Ship is of little Force it will be more prudent for you to come to an Anchor abreast of the Southermost Bastion of the Fort the Enemy being unable to Invest us on that Side. You may entrust this Cattamaran with any Letters you may have for me and if you are so weakly man [*ned*] as to make you apprehensive of danger, as they are masters of three Massoolah Boats you will let me know, and I will send you off a Detachment of Marines.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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Sir,

A RETURN OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE ARTILLERY AND LASCARS ON THE SEVERAL BASTIONS AND BATTERIES OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE FROM DECEMBER THE 14[TH] TO THE 22[D]. BOTH DAYS INCLUDED.

Fronts.	Names of the Bastions and Batteries.	To each Bastion and Battery.			Total on each Front.		
		Non Commisoned [*sic*] Officers.	Private.	Lascars.	Non Commissioned Officers.	Private.	Lascars.
East ...	North East Bastion	1	6	12			
	Sea gate Battery	1	6	12			
	Palmeria ditto	...	4	6			
	St. Thomas Bastion	1	4	9			
					3	20	39
West ...	Lawrences Bastion	1	6	9			
	Pigots ditto	...	4	9			
	South West Ravalin	...	...	..			
	West ditto	1	6	12			
	North West ditto	1	6	12			
					3	22	42
North ...	Mint Bastion	...	2	4			
	Royal ditto	1	4	18			
	Demi ditto	1	6	12			
	North Ravalin	1	6	12			
					3	18	46
South ..	Cistern Bastion	...	3	4			
	Nabobs ditto	1	6	12			
	Demi Counter Guard	1	6	9			
	South Ravalin	...	3	3			
					2	18	28
			Total ...		11	78	155

18th. Instant. The People of the Mint Bastion taken off to Reinforce the Royal Bastion.

N. P. Lascars.

19th. Instant. The Men of the Seagate Battery sent down to the Fascine Battery & a Picket of 1 6 & 12 mounted in Order to man the Sea gate Battery in Case of an Alarm.

WILL[M]. HISLOP.

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N. 61.

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To the Commandor of the Ship
Anchored in the Road

Sir

The French have invested this place for these Eleven days past, and last Night the Ship you see to the Northwd. came to an Anchor there and I suppose is loaded with Cannon & Stores I dont apprehend she is of any Force although she be a large Ship, I would however have you come to Anchor abreast of the Southermost Bastion of the Fort, the Enemy being unable to invest us on that Side. Dispatch this Cattemaran immediatly back to me and acquaint me what Consignments you have for the Settlement that I may send Boats to land them. The first Boat I send off to you shall have an English Gentleman on Board who will direct you to make the Signal I shall give him; which Signal being made the other Boats shall be immediatley [*sic*] sent off.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Sir

I have the pleasure to congratulate you on the Success of our Arms in Golconda, Colonel Forde Engaged the French Army the 7th. Instant which he intirely routed and took Thirty five peices of Cannon, all their Camp Bagage and Stores, both Publick and private, their Numbers Consisted of five hundred Europeans, four thousand Seapoys and a large Country Force, of them only One hundred and fifty of the French Escaped, Our Loss is very unconsiderable, Captain Adnet Killed. Donneland, Johnstone, McGwire, Moran Week Wounded and about Thirty Private Men, this Action is the more Glorious as our Force amounting to no more than Four hundred and fourteen Europeans and Eighteen hundred Seapoys and no Assistance from our Allay'd Rajah I left Vizag: the 20th. Instant. I have on board Provisions for your Garrison, a List of which I have Inclosed Likewise 10 Bales of Company's Cloth from Mr. Andrews.

Should you be pleased to send off Boats for the Cargoe I beg You'll order the same Boats to bring off Ballast. I am in great Distress for an Anchor and Cable having lost two at Vizac I therefore request the favour You'll send one of as soon as possible, and as soon as the wind will Permit I will Anchor as you Direct.

I am with due Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt. humble. Servant
H. Wedderburn.

Ship Thames
the 23d. Decr. 1758

P.S. As I have an Anchor Stock on board only an Anchor from 28 to 30 lb. Weight. A Cable either Coire or Europe 18 or 19 Inches will much Oblige.

H.W.

List of Freight on board the Thames belonging to the Honble Company Viz

Patna Peas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 Bags
Grey ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	885 ditto
Fine Rice ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	751 ditto

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Patchere Rice	21	Bags
Vizagapatam Ditto	1000	ditto
Cargo Ditto	750	ditto
Wheat	465	ditto
Salt Petre	499	

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23rd. December 1758

To Captain Preston

Sir,

This Morning the Ship Thames from Vizagapatam anchored in the Road and brings an Account of the Total Rout of the French Army in Golconda by Colonel Forde the 7 Instant. Of 500 French only 150 escaped and he took 35 Pieces of Cannon with all their Baggage and Equipage both publick and private.

Nothing remarkable has happened here. The Enemy advance their Trenches somewhat nearer to the Fort on the North side every Night; but have not as yet opened any Battery.

I have not received a Letter from you nor Major Caillaud & my last from Usoff Cawn was dated the 8th : I hope he is advancing this way, and desire you will advise him continually of the Intelligence you receive from me or other hands. I wrote you the 18 of Chunda Saibs Son being gone to Poonamalee with the greatest part of the Enemy's Black Forces, in order, as I was informed, to oppose Usoff Cawn, whom you will assist upon Occasion with as large a Reinforcement as possible from Your Garrison.

I wrote you also long ago to acquaint me whether you could safely get up Money from Sadrass, if I were to send it thither by Sea. I want to contrive some Means of sending a supply for your Garrison, and for Usoff Cawn. I judge indeed than [*sic*] when he comes near we shall find no Difficulty in keeping the Communication on the South Side entirely open in which Case the Sum necessary both for you and him may be sent directly from hence.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

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List of the General and Principal Officers of the French Army in the Indies.

General Officers.

Thomas Arthur Count of Lally, Lieutenant General, and Commander in Chief.

The Chevalier de Soupire, Mareshal of Camp, Ranks as English and German Major Generals.

Principal Officers.

Brigadiers.

Estaing . . Prisoner at Madrass
Mitchel Lally
Landivisiau
Bussey

A Brigadier is but a particular Officer, he Ranks now in Germany as the oldest Colonels in his Imperial Majesty's Service.

Colonels.

Kenedy . . . . at Tanjour.
Chevalier de La Fare Commander of Horse.

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Verdiere
Maudave
Chevalier de Crillon
Count of Montmoreney, he sail'd with Rear Admiral D'Aché
Chevalier de Toure du Pin
Count of Maulde

Lieutenant Colonels.

Chevalier Dure Chief of Engineers and Artillery

Brigades.

Cauire
James Dillon
Murphy
O Kenely
Fumel, Major General of the Army, his Business is about Posts, both Orders and Service Distributions
Tillecourt
D'Autheuil
Marquis de Conflan, at Rajamundry
Chevalier de Poette, Commanding Sailors Brigades

Adjutants or Aids de Camp to the General.

Chambois
D'Harambure

Brigades Major.

Le Veux
Rausiere
Alain
Saubinet . . . he is also Commander of Seapoys
Bazin
Roussel
Gadeville, aid Marshal of encamping the Army, called in French *Aide Mareschal des Logis de L'Armee*
Du Saussaye Marshal of the Logis of the European Horse, and Director of the Black Horse
Fisher, Captain Commanding the German Foot in the French Company's Service . . . Sick at Pondicherry

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Sir

Yesterday I had the Misfortune to loose my Anchor and have only the one We now ride by and a small stream Anchor remaining.

As the weather seems to Moderate I beg the Governour will send of another Cable and Anchor, for should We part the Anchor we now ride by, we have nothing left but to put to Sea and endeavour to work up to Pulicat, where I immagine I may be supply'd, but should the Cattemaran be able to get on board with Anchors I will immediatly run in as near the Shore as possible. I beg you'll send off two Cattemarans to weigh the Anchor we parted Yesterday.

I have many Letters on board for the Gentlemen in the Garrison, I beg to know If I shall send them asshore.

P.S.

Should I be necessitated to put to Sea and afterwards return I will hoist a Red Flag at the Foretop Masthead & two Guns.

Ship Thames
24 Decem[r]. 1759 [1758 ?].

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
H. Weadrebburn [*sic*].

To M[r]. Joseph Du Pre.

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To CANTER VISCHER ESQ^R.

25^th December 1758

Sir

I have sent some Money in this Boat to M^r: Smith, packed in two Bags directed to you, and I request the favor you will send for him as soon as the Boat arrives, deliver him the inclosed Letter, and let the Money remain in the Fort untill he has Occasion to call for it.

In Return I shall be glad to serve you on any Occasion.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 67.

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To M^R: CHARLES SMITH

25 Decem^r: 1758

Sir

In this Boat I send a Box with Pag^s: 10,000 consign'd to you, Advice Captain Preston of its Arrival, and forward all the Money to Changleput under Charge of such Escort as he shall send for it. Forward also the Inclos'd Letters to Major Caillaud, Captain Preston, Captain Smith & Usoff Cawn. I think it strange that I have not heard from you, especially as a Boat from Sadrass call'd here some days ago. You must get Hircars, Boats or Cattemarans at any Expence to come here with your Advices.

The Ship Thames arrived two days ago from Vizagapatam with the News of a compleat Victory gain'd by Colonel Forde the 7 Instant over the French Army Commanded by the Marquis de Conflans. Of five hundred French only 150 escap'd, and thirty five pieces of Cannon with all their Baggage & Stores were taken.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

P.S.

Do not detain the Boat a Moment after the Money is out. Write what news you have from Major Caillaud, Usoff Cawn & Changleput, and send her back immediatly.

The Thames loosing her Anchor Yesterday was set so far to Leward that she could not fetch into the Road again and this Morning is out of Sight. If she stops at Sadras You will acquaint the Commander my Orders are, that he make the best of his Way hither & upon his making the Signal mentioned in his Letter to the Secretary, I will have an Anchor & Cable sent off to meet him.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON

25 December 1758

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of what I wrote you the 23^d. This goes in a Boat to Sadras with Pag^s. 10,000 consign'd to M^r. Charles Smith there which is to be forwarded to you when you send a proper Escort. This Money is intended as

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well for the Service of your Garrison as the purpose mentioned in my Letter of the 22d. Instant, and the supply of Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn if they should Occasion, and you immediatly to advise them of it's Arrival.

By a Ship from Vizagapatam I have had the pleasure to hear of a Compleat Victory obtained by Colonel Forde over the French Army in Golconda the 7th Instant.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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TO THE NABOB 25th December 1758

I hope you have had a safe Passage to Negapatam and from thence will proceed with success to Trichenopoly. The Affairs here are the same as you left them, but two days ago a Ship arrived at Vizagapatam, with the agreable News of Colonel Forde's having obtained on the 7 Instant a Compleat Victory over the French Army in Golconda. He took 35 Pieces of Cannon with all their Baggage, Stores &ca & only 150 Europeans escap'd out of their Army which consisted of 500.

By the Blessing of God Mr. Lally will soon meet with a like Defeat.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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TO MAJOR CAILLAUD 25th: December 1758

Sir:

I wrote to you the 13th and 14th of this Month but have not yet heard from you. The 21st: the Nabob and his Family with a few Attendants [went] in a small Vessel to Negapatam from whence he will proceed to Trichenopoly I took the opportunity of Sending 20,000 Pagodas to be forwarded to Captain Smith at Trichenopoly, and I now send 10,000 to Sadras to be forwarded to Captain Preston at Changleput. From ether [*sic*] place as may be most convenient You or Usoff Cawn may draw supply's as you want.

Nothing very remarkable has happened here since the 14th. The Enemy have opened Trenches to the Northward and advanced them within 500 Yards of the Crest of the Glacis. We hear they are at Work upon some Batteries behind the Houses near the Burying Ground and upon the Hospital Hill. They have yet got up but four or five pieces of heavy Cannon, but the day before Yesterday a large Ship came and Anchor'd of [f] Trivatore, which we imagine to be the Ship Mr. Lally took from the Dutch and is said to be loaded with Stores and Cannon.

It is long since I heard from Usoff Cawn or even from Captain Preston. I hope you have by this time joined the former, and will be able to come upon the back of the Enemy. They have a small force at St. Thomé, where they keep their Hospital; and have no other Post to the Southward. Raza Saib went away some days ago with most of their black Force and I hear some Europeans are gone also, They are designed no doubt to oppose Usoff Cawn, but I am under no Apprehensions for the Event, especially if he be join'd by the Reinforcement Captain Preston may spare him.

A Ship arrived two days ago from Vizagapatam with the News of Colonel Forde's having totally routed the French Army commanded by the Marquis De Conflans the 7 Instant. Of 500 French only 150 escap'd; all their Stores & Baggage, both Publick and Private, with 35 Pieces of Cannon were taken I have

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not yet got my Letters ashore, so that I know not whether Mazulipatam was likely to fall or not.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 71.

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To CAPTAIN JOSEPH SMITH — 25 December 1758

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of the Letter I wrote you the 19 Instant by the Vessel which carried the Nabob and his Family to Negapatam I hope they are safe arrived and that you have received the Money I consign'd you by the same Opportunity.

Nothing remarkable has happen'd here the Enemy are carrying on their Approaches on the North Side and are said to be erecting some Batteries behind the Houses of the Black Town. A Ship which I beleive is the same they took from the Dutch anchored this Morning off the Black Town and I suppose is loaded with Cannon and Stores.

By a Ship which arrived here two days ago from Vizagapatam we have received the agreable News of a Compleat Victory gain'd by Colonel Forde the 7 Instant over the French Army in Golconda. Of 500 French only 150 escap'd and all their Baggage both publick & Private was taken with 35 pieces of Cannon.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To USOFF CAWN — 25 December 1758

I have not received any Letter from you since that dated at Tricolur. Your Vakeel Mootoo Pilla set out the 17, and I hope has reach'd you safely. Nothing remarkable has happen'd here since. The Enemy remain in the Black Town, and I hear they are making some Batteries behind the Houses. To the Southward they have no Post except a small Guard at S^{t} Thomé. Raza Saib went some days ago with all their Black Force to Poonamalee, and I hear M^{r} Bussy is gone also with some Europeans. Their Design is no doubt to oppose your March this Way, but I am persuaded you will defeat them, especially if you be join'd by the Reinforcement Captain Preston will send you from Changleput. If you can then draw near upon the Back of the Enemy we may concert together a Scheme for a General Attack.

The 21st of this Month the Nabob and his Family with a few Attendants went in a Small Vessel to Negapatam from whence he will proceed to Trichenopoly. I took the opportunity of sending a large supply of Money to Captain Smith at Trichenopoly, and I now send a good supply to be forwarded to Captain Preston at Changleput. You may therefore draw from either of those places as may be most convenient.

A Ship arrived two days ago from Vizagapatam, with the News of Colonel Forde's having totally routed the French Army in Golconda the 7 Instant. Of 500 French only 150 escap'd and all their Stores and Baggage both Publick and Private with 35 Pieces of Cannon were taken.

I hope M^{r} Lally will soon meet with the same Fate.

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General Weekly Return of the Strength of the Garrison of Fort St. George December 25 1758.

	Officers.																			Doing duty.													Sick and Wounded in the Hospital.											Artificers.	Camp Colourmen.	Coffrey Invalids.	Total.	Casualties.					
													Staff.										Centinels.												Centinels.																		
	Lieut. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Capt. Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Lieut. Fireworkers.	Adjutants.	Surgeon.	Chaplin.	Adjutants.	Qr. Masters.	Surgeons.	Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.				Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Deceassed.	Entertained.	Deserted.	Received.	Removed.	Shott.
Troop of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	5	1	1	...	...	1	..	...	1	1	2	4	5	3	..	...	...	...	13	34	67	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	132	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys Artillery	...	...	1	...	..	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	48	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...
His Majestys 64th Regiment	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	..	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	7	...	5	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185	1	1	...	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines	...	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	2	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys 1st Battalion ...	...	1	6	...	...	...	6	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	40	40	26	...	376	33	...	...	.	...	4	3	...	49	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	573	2	.	...	1	1	2
The Honble Compys 2nd Battalion ...	...	...	6	...	..	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	41	39	[20]	..	222	27	77	...	.	...	...	3	3	84	1	2	...	...	...	10	4	2	485	1	...	...	2	8	...
Invalids and Pensioners	..	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	89	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	18	1	1	3	22	2	23	7	1	1	1	4	4	...	1	1	1	2	126	91	55	1	899	99	77	15	45	115	4	6	3	125	3	2	.	5	2	10	4	2	1,689	6	1	1	3	9	2

General Weekly Return of the Seapoys at Fort St. George.

December 25th. 1758.	Jamadars of Horse.	Blackmen of Horse.	Commandant.	Subedars.	Jamidars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colour men.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeters.	Seapoys.	Total.
First & Second Battalions.	2	5	1	32	129	228	183	51	43	15	1,539	2,228

Robert Bannatyne,
T. Major.

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A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 26 DECR. 1758. ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remains the 19th.	Expend. fr. 19th to 25th inclu:	Remains the 26.
Firewood	N	1,738,800	1,04,315	1,634,485
Rice	Garce	109–10	8–80	100–330
Pease	do.	1–179	...	1–179
Doll	do.	3–365	...	3–365
Gram	do.	15–136	0–193	14–343
Biscuit — Kings	lb.	...	...	...
Companys	lb.	...	...	...
Candles	N.	10,000	495	9,505
Wheat — Kings & Companys	Garce.	16–142	...	16–142
Paddy	do.	33–321–3	1–4–2	32–317–2 [1]
Salt Fish of Six Sorts	N.	39,248	9,399	29,849
Ghee	Candy	41–12–4–10	3–3–4–39½	38–8–7–10½
Sugar	do.	70–0–0–0	14–10–0–0	55–1–0–0
Arrack — Kings	Galls.	...	...	...
Companys	do.	...	...	...
Live Cattle	N.	1,050	...	...
Killed	180	...	...	...
Died	38	...	...	..
Turned Out by Order of the Governour.	200	...	418	632
Live Sheep	N.	649	...	...
Killed	141	...	...	...
Died	48	...	189	460
Salt Beef—Kings	lb.	...	...	...
Companys	lb.	...	...	...
Salt Pork—Kings	lb.	116,652	...	116,652
Suit [sic.] ditto	lb.	18,199	...	18,199
Salt	Garce	10–250–1	0–156–5	10–93–4
Pepper	Candy	7–16–21–0	0–5–22–8	7–10–28–8
Chilly	do.	21–11–18–11	0–0–6–2	21–11–16–11
Tammarind	do.	72–6–21–5	2–10–14–9	69–15–6–12
Turmerick	do.	3–15–9–0	0–1–17–12	3–13–16–4
Cummin Seed	do.	6–1–20–8	0–1–6–0	6–0–14–8
Tobacco	do.	29–16–18–14	1–12–7–0	28–14–11–14
Beetle Nutt	do.	15–1–12–11	0–18–18–0	14–2–19–11
Fine greck	do.	2–4–5–0	0–0–6–12	2–3–23–4
Leaves for Plates	N	183,656	32,280	151,376
Lamp Oil	Measrs.	3,500	253⅝	3,246⅜
Gingely Oil	do.	983⅝	210½	773⅛
Mustard Seed Oil	do.	1,800	..	1,800
Earthen Potts, Tresauls, Mallys, Lamps, Jarrs & Guglets		16,883	1,488	15,395
Baskets of sorts		13,159	444	12,715
Matts Large & Small		6,415	1,365	5,050
Well Ropes		4,000	117	3,883
Straw	Stacks.	3½	1	2½

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 19TH TO THE 26 DECEMBER 1758.

	Remains the 19th Decr. 1758.	Receipts since	Issues since	Remains ye 26 Decr. 1758.
Gunpowder—Europe ... ... Barrels qr lb 100 each	645	...	26½	618½
Country ... ... Do. Do. 100 do.	1,747–20 lb.	...	18	1729–20 lb
	2,392–20lb	...	44½	2347–70
Gheria ... ... Chests ...	250	...	...	250
Shott — Round ... ... 24 ... Pounders ...	12,942	...	81	12,861
18 ... ditto ...	9,252	...	64	9,188
12 ... ditto ...	5,592	...	121	5,471
9 ... ditto ...	9,943	...	36	9,907
6 ... ditto ...	[?] 7,748	200	42	7,606
3 ... ditto ...	7,579	...	3	7,576
Grape ... ... 24 ... Pounders ...	867	...	2	865
12 ... ditto ...	382	...	1	381
Lead ... ... for Wall Pieces ...	1,830	...	1,800	30
Musquets ...	974,666	...	80,000	894,666
Carbine ...	246,500	490	...	246,990
Mortar Shells—13 Inch	881	...	1	880
10 ditto	1,594	...	70	1,524
8 ditto	1,232	...	59	1,173
5½ ditto or Royals	1,439	...	117	1,322
4⅕ ditto or Cohorns	2,821	...	128	2,693
Gunners Stores—Portfieres	2,300	764	...	3,064
Tubes ... ... 12 Pounder ...	2,470	400	...	2,870
6 ditto ...	4,650	2,000	...	6,650
Empty 6 ditto ...	...	3,200	...	3,200
Tube Boxes with Straps	89	48	...	137
Bulgar Hides	12	1	...	13
Rolling Board	...	1	...	1
Copper Powder Measures from lb. 6 oz. to 2	...	15	...	15
Brass Callihers	...	1	...	1
Brass Ruler	...	1	...	1
Brass Compasses	...	1	...	1
Match—Country ... ... Skains ...	3,245	...	61	3,184
Europe ... ... do. ...	135	6	2	139
Gunners Utensils—Priming Irons	301	...	2	299
Steel Bitts	1347	...	2	1,345
Firelocks—Wall Pieces	2	...	...	2
Fuzees with Bajonets	46	...	4	42
Bajonet Pieces Repaired	198	60	46	212
Pistols with Ribbs	259	54	5	308
Firelocks—Carbines	93	...	11	82
Musquets without Bajonets Repaired	271	80	66	285
Small Arms—				
Brass Hangers	61	54	5	110
Bajonets	312	14	4	322
Brass Basket hilted Swords	522	2	169	355
Brass Swords	220	4	...	224
Halberts	55	1	4	52
Arms for the Troop of Horse—				
Sword Blades Spare	24	...	24	..
Brass Basket hilted Swords	10	...	10	...
Carbines	9	...	9	...
Pistols with Brass Barrels ... ... Pr.	5	...	5	...
Armoury Stores—				
Flints	481,439	585	119	4,81,905
Bajonet Belts	309	55	17	347
Sword Belts	110	...	5	105
Cartridge Paper—Europe Quire	380	80	380	80
Juddah ditto	35	65	...	100
Bengal ditto	10,345	15	...	10,360
Cartridge Boxes—Europe	139	...	45	94
Country Leather	322	...	195	127
Buff Sword Bels [*sic*]	753	...	196	557
Armoury Petty Stores—				
Gun Rammers—Musket Europe	96	...	6	90
Ditto Country	600	30	...	630
Hammers	743	[*sic*] 98	...	645
Pickers	85	33	118	...
Worms	1,764	...	130	1,634

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 19TH TO THE 26TH DECEMBR. 1758—*cont.*

		Remains the 19th Decr. 1758.	Receipts since.	Issues since.	Remains the 26 Decr. 1758.
Necessaries for the Armoury—					
Gouge...		1	1	...	2
Drums & Appurtenances—					
Wooden Drums...		2	...	2	...
Brass ditto		5	...	1	4
Sticks	Pr	20	...	1	19
General Stores—					
Hand Spikes		640	15	...	655
Budge Barrels		81	3	...	84
Tarpaulin Covers for Carts		...	2	...	2
Brass Portfire Moulds		2	1	...	3
Gunney Sand Bags		15,250	...	150	15,100
Wax Cloth		176½	1	22½	155
Tarpaulins large		12	4	...	16
Knapsacks		377	...	27	350
Pincers for the Laboritory		3	1	...	4
Clouts—Copper		315	86	49	302
Iron Linch		...	5	...	5
Body		...	7	...	7
Havre Sacks		4	6	...	10
Hand Hooks for Shells	Pr.	6	1	...	7
Charcoal	Soops.	2,478	...	180	2,348
Claw Hammers...		...	2	...	2
Iron Work for field Carriages, viz :—					
Washers		...	5	...	5
Linch Pins		...	16	...	16
Tug Pins		...	7	...	7
Spring Keys		...	12	...	12
Forelock Keys		...	30	...	30
Ditto Rings		...	12	...	12
Penmaul		...	1	...	1
Steel Spiks		...	23	...	23
Esses		...	2	...	2
Gimblets large		...	3	...	3
Canvass	Bolts.	32	1½	...	33½
Account Cattle—					
Bullocks for the Powder Mill		65	...	Dead 4	61

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CHS. BOURCHIER,
Milit̃y Storekeeper.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 19TH TO THE 25TH DECEMR. 1758 BOTH INCLUSIVE.

	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
Days.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
19th	50	3	...	1	54	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	3	...	...
20th	52	...	...	3	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
21st	49	...	...	3	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
22d	46	1	...	...	56	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
23d	47	5	...	3	53	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	28	1	...	...
24th	49	2	...	1	55	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	29	...	1	...
25th	50	2	...	2	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...

ROBT TURIN [g],
Surgeon.

——*APPENDIX No. 77.*——

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON Changleput 23d Decemr. 1758

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your not having acknowledged to have received any of my Letters since the 10th makes me apprehensive of their having been most of 'em intercepted.

I am in much want of Money; not having sufficient by a great deal for the next Months Pay of the Seapoys only. You'll please to consider too that every Excursion I make is attended with an Extraordinary Charge. Should there be any Risque in the Way by Sea to Sadras, there no Doubt are private stocks lodged there by one or other of our Gentlemen, from which I might be amply supplied.

Rajah Saib left Conjiveram 4 Days ago with a 100 European Foot 200 black Horse & 400 Seapoys, I am told he is going to Carangoly The accompanying Letter is just come from Usoff Cawn, with one to myself. He only tells me that he has forwarded your Letters to Major Caillaud, and Captain Smith; and that his making the best of his Way here.

I am
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most respectful
humble Servant
Ac[h]illes Preston.

N. 78.

[*See page 17.*]

Dated 21st Received 26 December 1758

FROM USOFF CAWN:

This Day being the 21st Inst. I had the happiness to receive 3 Letters from you, Two by the hircars and One by my Vackell Moota Pilla and observe every particular in full both by those Letters and by the Verbal Account given me by the Vackeel. I must observe to your honour that the reason of my Detention so long was Occasioned by Rain, however I took care to Ruin and lay Waste all the Countries round Pondicherry that they get no Provisions. This day about 300 of the Tanjour Horse arrived in the Army. To Morrow I shall move and continue my March Night and Day to arrive to your parts. Look upon me as If I am in your Place. You'll not be under any concern but make yourself easy. As the Tanjorians had punished the French, how is it that we dont do it. I shall come and Punish all the French properly.

As they are insignificant, 'tis not great matter to punish them.

N. 79.

[*See page 17.*]

Dated 22d Received 26 December 1758

FROM USOFF CAWN

Yesterday I addressed two Letters to your Honnour by which I suppose you are acquainted with the Matter. This Day I marched from Balapore alias Walaporum and arrived at a great Distance. By the Blessing of God to morrow being the 23d I shall get to Achervacam. The Tanjore Troops and those of Tondamon are with me. The army is in great want for the Expences which induces me to desire you'll on receipt of this Letter send a supply of 20,000 Pagodas by a Boat to Sadras which will be better for as I shall proceed to your parts, it is necessary to encourage the Army by paying for their Expences. I shall soon be there and hope you'll send the Money with all possible speed.

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N. 80.

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EXTRACT OF THE GENERAL ORDERS OF THE 26

THE GUARDS OF THE GARRISON TO BE AS FOLLOWS TILL FURTHER ORDERS

—	Captn.	Subaln.	Sergt.	Corpl.	Drum.	Private.
North Ravalin	1	1	2	2	2	50
St Thomé Ravalin	1	1	2	2	2	40
Main Guard	...	1	1	1	1	20
Sea Gate Redoubt...	...	1	1	1	1	20
Demi Bastion	...	1	1	1	1	20
North Gate	...	1	1	1	1	20
Saint George's Gate	...	1	1	1	1	20
Saint George's Ravalin	...	1	1	1	1	24
Saint Thomas's Gate	...	1	1	1	1	20
North East Bastion	...	...	1	1	...	12
The North West Blind	..	...	1	1	...	12
The North West Lunette	...	...	1	1	...	9
	2	9	16[?]	16[?]	11	269[?]

N. 81.

[*See page 17.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON

27 December 1758

Last night came in your Letter of the 23^{d} which is the only one I have received from you since that dated the 29th: Ultõ: Usoff Cawn must by this time be with you, or on this Side of you, I would have you leave in Changleput a Subaltern Officer with Six or Eight Gunners, & Six Companys of Seapoys and march yourself this way with all the rest of your Garrison. On your Arrival at the Mount, let fly a red Flag at Top of the Church or if in the Night make a Fire at Top, I will write to you again presently of what is thought best to be undertaken, that having a plan Settled we may act in Concert. I sent ten thousand Pagodas in a Boat to Sadras three days ago, and hope it will arrive safe, but the Risque is great as the French have a Number of Boats passing. As soon as the Communication is open, which I doubt not we shall be able to effect I will send out Twenty Thousand Pagodas. One of the Enemy's Jemidars from S^{t} Thomé has engaged in our Service to go and join you with 100 Horse. I advanc'd him 500 Pagodas & gave him a Letter for you I have wrote to Usoff Cawn to endeavour to draw of more of them.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 82.

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27 December 1758

To USOFF CAWN

Last night I had the pleasure to receive your Letters dated the 21st & 22^{d}. Proceed to the Mount and on your Arrival there hoist a Red Flag at Top of the Church or if in the night make a Fire at Top, I have directed Captain Preston to accompany you with all the Garrison of Changleput except Six Companies of Seapoys and a few Europeans. I sent ten thousand Pagodas to Sadras by a Boat three days ago but have not yet heard of it's arrival. As there are many of the Enemy's Boats passing backwards and Forwards the Risque is great. In two or three days I doubt not the Communication will be free when I will immediatly send out 20,000 Pagodas. Endeavour to draw of as many as you can of the

———*APPENDIX No. 82.*———

Enemy's Horse. One of their Jemidars from S^{t} Thomé has engag'd already to join you with 100 Horse and I advanc'd him for his Encouragement 500 Pagodas. I will write to you again presently concerning the Plan which shall be undertaken against the Enemy.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 83.

[*See page 18.*]

From CAPTAIN PRESTON

Changleput 25th December
1758 1 P M

Hoñble Sir

Usoff Cawn is just now arrived here, & I have just now received your Letter of the 23^{d}: Instant with one for Major Caillaud, which I have forwarded. I have had Information of most of my Letters to the Board and you since the 10$^{th.}$ having been intercepted.

I am
Honble Sir
Your most respectful
Humble Servant
ACHIL[L]ES PRESTON.

I am in much want of Money.

N. 84.

[*See page 18.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON

27 December 1758

Sir

I wrote to you this Morning to march this Way along with Usoff Cawn leaving in Changeleput One Subaltern with Six or Eight Gunners and Six Companies of Seapoys, and I despatch'd that Letter in three Copies. This will contain the Necessary Instructions for your Conduct after your arrival at the Mount. The very next morning the attack of S$^{t.}$ Thomé is proposed; Usoff Cawn and you are to march so as to begin the Attack at Day break and to carry with you the whole Force with you excepting such a Number of Horse as you judge may be spared; those are to be detach'd, so as to arrive before Day break upon Choultry Plain, & to post themselves behind the Tank in front of the White Choultry, call'd Woodundy Choultry, just at this End of the Avenue leading to the Mount. There they will be covered from any Cannon, The Enemy may have about Turing's Hous, and will be in readiness to fall upon any Party that may be moving either to or from S$^{t.}$ Thomé from whence the Enemy will endavavour [*sic*] to Retreat by that Road, if your Attempt succeds. In such Case do you stay in S$^{t.}$ Thomé Fort with the Europeans belonging to Changleput, four Companies of Seapoys and Fifty Horse; let the rest of the Foot march on to Trivetashium, the Village on this Side of Choultry Plain and take Post there, and the Horse join the others on the Plain, Your Attack on S$^{t.}$ Thomé must be made on the South and West Sides. A large Detachement of Seapoys with some Europeans and a few Horse from hence shall attack at the same time on the North side, and another shall take post at the Garden House. Our People both Horse & Foot, Europeans and Seapoys shall wear a green Branch in their Hat or Turband, let yours do the same by which they will distinguish each other from the Enemy, Our whole Garrison shall be under Arms and Measures taken to prevent the Enemy's sending any large Detachment from the Black Town, or to take some advantage of them if they should venture it.

The French Hospital at S$^{t.}$ Thomé and some of our own Wounded Officers and Men are there, Take all possible care to prevent their being Molested, and give the best protection you can to the Inhabitants in General.

——*APPENDIX No. 84.*——

I have sent 10,000 Pagodas to Sadras as I before advis'd you ; but the Risque is great by reason of the Enemys Boats. If the Plan here laid down succeeds our Communication will be immediatly open, and Twenty Thousand Pagodas shall be sent out the same day, for the Payment of Usoffs Cawn's People & Yours

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

Your Letter of the 25th is just received

As your People may be fatigued and want Refreshment, & some preparations may also be necessary for the Attack of St. Thomé, it may be inconvenient to execute it the day after your Arrival. I leave it therefore to Usoff Cawn and you to fix the day which You may make known to me, by lighting four fires at Top of the Mount, one immediatly after the other, the Night before By this Signal I shall understand you intend the Attack next Morning, and give Orders accordingly to the Troops here.

N. 85.

[*See page 18.*]

To USOFF CAWN

27 December 1758

I wrote to you this Morning in three Copies that I had received your two Letters of the 21st & 22d. The Plan I have concerted for the attacking the Enemy must be executed the very next Morning after your arrival at the Mount in this Manner, take with you all your Foot and as Many of your Horse as you may think necessary to make an Attack upon St. Thomé to the Southward and detach the rest of your Horse to lye upon Choultry Plain to cut of the Enemy's retreat should you succeed at St. Thomé. You must observe to be ready to make your Attack at St. Thomé by break of day, at the same time I will send out from hence a strong body of Seapoys with some Europeans and a few Horse to move along the Sea Side and make an Attack on the other side or to the Northward of St. Thomé, and another party to take Post at my Garden House to act as I may see Occasion. I shall also have the whole Garrison under Arms to prevent the Enemy from making any large Detachments from hence or if they should to take all advantages of their Motions. There is upon Choultry Plain at the hither end a White House where I believe the Enemy have some Cannon it will be proper therefore to discribe the Ground to you ; thus when you enter upon the Plain you will find a Road from the Tank with a Row of Trees on each Side, this leads you to a Small Tope on the right hand, as you advance in which is a Choultry call'd Woodundy's Choultry with a Tank in the Front, the Banks of which will cover your Horse from the Cannon at the white House. Let all your People put a little green Bow in their Turbands and I will order mine to do the same that they may by this Mark distinguish each other from the Enemy. If you should succeed in your attempt upon St. Thomé leave the Changleput Europeans in the Fort there with four Companies of Seapoys and 50 Horse, and with the rest move forwards immediatly and post all your Infantry in Trivitashium a Village on the Left as you come by the great Road from St Thomé, and send all your Horse to join the other Party upon Choultry Plain, The Enemy have some sick and Wounded People at St Thomé, and some of our Officers who were taken Prisoners and are Wounded are also there, give strict Orders to your People if you succeed no [*sic*] to treat them ill, and let the Inhabitants in general of the Villages be protected. I told you in my Letter this Morning that I had sent Money to Sadras if our present Plan succeeds I will supply you fully from hence as the Communication will then be Open.

GEORGE PIGOT.

———*APPENDIX No. 86.*———

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Pulliacatta 27 Decem^{r} 1758

From M^{r} Henry Brooke
To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{r}

Hoñble Sir

Inclosed herein I send you a Protest, which the Baron Van Eck has delivered to me relating to the Dutch Brigantine, which you have detained at Fort S^{t} George: and which detention he acquaints me is a considerable Loss to him, as he took her upon Freight, & also was to carry Dispatches of Consequence to Batavia.

By Persons who have been dispatch'd from Mazulipatam on the 18 Instant We learn that they were then in that Road Five English Ships, that Seven in all arrived, One of which was sent to the Northward, & another to the Southward, this advice has before this reach'd the Enemy.

I am
Hoñble Sir
with perfect Respect
Your most obed^{t} hum^{e} Sevant [*sic*].

HENRY BROOKE.

N. 87.

[*See page 18.*]

Protest against the Detention of the Brigantine Victoria

Translated from the Dutch.

Fort S$^{t.}$ George

To

THE Hoñble GEORGE PIGOT ESQ$^{R.}$ GOVERNOUR OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDIL AND ORIXA &CA &CA

The Underwritten Chief of Pulliacatta on behalf of the General Netherlands East India Company, being inform'd in writing by Captain Franse Command$^{r.}$ the Brigantine Victoria that he was prevented by your Order at Madras not only from embarking in order to proceed upon his Voyage to Batavia, but that his said Vessel was forcibly detained by the English. He is therefore obliged not only to Protest in the strongest Manner against the said Voilence and all the Consequences thereof but also to demand recompence and satisfaction for all damages that may be sustained by reason of the said Voilence as well by the Owners of the said Vessel, as by the Freighters thereof on Accant [^{sic}] of the said Voyage to Batavia and back to this Coast and Bengal.

Puliacatta the 20 December A$^{o.}$ 1758

L: J: VAN. ECK.

Delivered this 20th
December Anno 1758
by me
Jan Visscher
Sworn Writer.

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To the Right Honourable the Count De Lally
Lieutenant General of his most Christian
Majesty's Army's, Commander in Chief of
his Forces and his Commissary General
in India, Great Knight of the Royal
& Military Order of S^T. Lewis

Sir

The 25 Instant one Oniciphorus Harley, a Sergeant in this Garrison Absconded, and carried away with him several Sums of Money belonging to his Comrades; perhaps he may have fled to your Camp; Upon that supposition I do myself the Honour to address to you the inclosed papers which contain ample proofs of the Theft; it is needless for me to say more, your Justice will speak the rest.

I have the Honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
George Pigot.

Fort S^t. George,
28 Dec^r. 1758

N B:

With this Letter was sent an Affidavit of Richard Heasman to prove that Harley robbed him of 808 Pagodas, also attested Copy of a Note from Harley to Williams for 40 Pagodas & a demand of James Norris for 6 Pagodas.

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From Captain Preston — Chingliput 21^st. Decem^r: 1758

Honble Sir

Agreable to your Letter of the 16 Instant, I immediatly on the receipt of it, sent Hircars out to watch particularly for the Enemy's Escort, that might be fetching away the Prisoners they had lately taken at Madras. On the 19^th I had Intelligence of their being arrived at Covelong; that the Escort consisted of about 200 Europeans, foot & Horse, besides black Horse and Seapoys; that their [*sic*] was a Field peice at Covelong ready to attend them and that there was 2 more on the way after them: That this Escort was to proceed directly to Pondicherry, & after being reinforced there with a few more Europeans, and several more Companies of Seapoys, it was then to oppose Usoff Cawn, & to be joined by Rajah Saib, who was marching round by the way of Conjevaram for that purpose. I immediatly ordered the best part of the Garrison to be got in readiness with two Field Pieces and without waiting for any further Intelligence (being convinced there was no time to be lost) I set out with them about ½ an Hour past 11 at Night and marched directly for Shevandaw Chitty's Choultry about 6 Miles to the Northward of Sadras in the high road; it being the only place (by what I could learn of my Hircars) from whence we could have the least chance of intercepting the above Escort. We reached this Choultry, after a very fatiguing March (the Roads being excessive bad) yesterday Morning about 10 OClock, we had scarce been there an Hour before a Hircar came running to me with an Account of some of the Enemy being very near Us; but upon sending out to reconnoitre 'em, I could only learn that they were some Europeans, as well as Blacks, both Foot & Horse, on the same Road with ourselves, and about 3 Miles from us, there was

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only this Road, and the one by the sea Side, they could possible [*sic*] pass through; but unluckily there was a large body of Water for several Miles between them, that was only fordable at a particular Pass: & I was informed that it was there mostly above 4 Feet deep the way thro this Pass too to the Sea Side I was assured by my Hircars, was about Six Miles, which was too great a Distance for us to divide, and for all of us to have gone over there could no more have prevented the Enemy from avoiding us, than our remaining as we did. However upon having Intelligence of about 20 Europeans and some Seapoys being in motion on the other side the Water with some Stores I despatched Lieutenant Airey after 'em with 4 Companies of Seapoys: He happened tho' to be too late for 'em & keep wandering on the other side the water till it was dark, without seing any thing of the expected Escort with our Prisoners. about 3 in the Afternoon we could discover about 4 Companies of the Enemy's Seapoys, with a few Europeans, and a Body of Black Horse advancing towards Us, till within the Distance of Us of about ¾ of a Mile; and they then filed off seemingly to endeavour to cross the Water: Not knowing but the French might have been coming after with our Prisoners, I only detach'd some Seapoys to endeavour to get within Reach of 'em, so as to prevent 'em from coming round us; which at the same Time effectually prevented them from gaining the Pass. This made them retire, and they left six Horses behind 'em. I soon after had the Mortification to understand from M^r. Smith at Sadrass, that our Prisoners were carried into that place about 4 oClock, by about 150 Troopers, 40 Military, a few black Horse, & some Seapoys, so that they must have pass'd us before M^r. Airey had crossed the Water. I likewise had understood from M^r. Smith that they were 25 more of their Military, and some Seapoys, waiting at Sadras to escort some stores to their Army. I therefore though [*sic*] it most prudent to make the best of my way back again, having a very ugly wood to return thro' of a considerable Length, that with our Guns was but barely passible. I am thus particular, Sir, to convince you that I used the only means in my power for the attempt of rescuing our Prisoners with the least Probability of Success. Had I known in Time that they were escorted without a Gun, I'd have ventured without one too, but, as they were little or no time at Covelong, to have waited here for more perfect Intelligence than I had would have been waiting too long, Immediatly on my Return here I dispatched a Hircar with a Letter to Usoff Cawn, advising him of the Strength and Situation of the Enemy's Escort with our Prisoners: and desiring him to endeavour all he can (if they proceed by Land) to fall in with 'em.

Your Letters of the 12, 13, 14 & 15 are the only ones I have not acknowledg'd. The 3 first were many days on the Road.

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Achilles Preston.

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FROM M^R. SMITH Sadrass 26 Decem^r: 1758

Honble Sir

I have received your favour of Yesterday with the Money, and have advised Captain Preston thereof. I have likewise received M^r. Van Sittarts of the 24^th, and all those inclosed shall be forwarded directly. I hope you will excuse your not hearing from me, as it is occasioned only by miscarriage. I having taken every opportunity of forwarding all Advices to you; the Cattamaran I dispatched the 19 Instant was taken off Covalong, and my Servant distroyed all the Letters. I hope those I sent you the 22^d are duly received, the Boat shall be returned this Evening.

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I this Morning received a Letter from the Nellour acquainting me he was safely arrived at Chingleput and I hope he will move this way, as he may easily intercept everything passing by Land to the French Camp; he tells me his people are fatigued & in want of Refreshment; at present great quantity's of Cooleys &ca daily passes for the Enemy, and the day before Yesterday 14 Boats and a Sloop to the Southward. I have heard nothing of the Thames nor of Major Caillaud since he left Tranquebar, tho' I have sent several Letters to him.

Captain Preston some time since took a 13 Inch Mortar from the Enemy, and endeavoured to intercept our Prisoners as they pass'd towards Pondicherry, but was too late by half an hour, I sincerly congratulate you on Colonel Fordes Success, the French make very light of it, & say that they conquered the first time & only retreated the Second: may they always meet with the same Fate!!

I hear there is a Frigate arrived at Pondicherry from the Mauritius, which brings advice that their Squadron was to sail the beginning of next Month, & that she brought 200,000 Dollars, but this I look upon to be French Gasconade. It is reported here that 10 Ships have lately been seen to the Southward of Pondicherry, but I dont give Credit to it.

I am respectfully
Hoñble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
CHARLES SMITH.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 24th Received 28 Decemr: 1758

I had the Honour and Hapiness to receive two Letters Dated the 16 & 17 Instant on the 24th advising me to proceed soon to your Parts, after my arrival at Chingleput to take some of their Troops there that you sent for Morareys Army &ca this day being the 24th I arrived near Carongoly 1½ Coass Distance of this Side the Village of Wayever and By the Blessing of God I hope to arrive at Chingleput tomorrow. I must inform your honour that I march'd every day 10 or 12 Coass and met with many Tanks, Rivers and Swamps' for which reason our Troops and Horsemen underwent great hardships. I sent 3 Letters to Captain Preston Yesterday and one to Day but I have not yet received any Answer.

This day on my arrival here News was brought to me that Razally Cawn son to Chunda Saib marched with a Party with a Design to oppose me and arrived Yesterday in Planes of Salavaca, but on hearing the Dread and Terror of my large Army made his flight by night and got to Wandawash. Monsieur Lambou with another Party was on his March but he being also struck with fear ran away to Pondicherry by the Sea side. Kishenraw Amuldar of Tagada being ill having a Boil on his Back and being unwilling to proceed further took leave of me and returned with his Troops from Balapore alias Walaporam.

I lately addressed several Letters giving you a full Account of matters which I suppose you are acquainted with, you'll be pleased to send the Money to Sadrass that I may be freed from the necessity I am under.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Received 28 Decr 1758

I had the happiness to receive a Duplicate of your Letter Dated the 25 Instant on the 27 and observe the Contents, This day I marched from Chingleput and arrived at Catangolatore 4 Coass distance on this Side, Captain Preston will also march with his Troops and 4 Guns and join me this Day. By the Blessing of God to morrow I shall arrive at Wandalore and will commence to disturbe the Enemy's Camp I have sent some Horsemen to ravage towards Conjeveram. After the arrival of Mulla [?] Pilla, Vakeel, I sent six Letters to your honour but none of them reached you, which I cant help. I shall soon punish the

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Enemy. If this Letter is brought to you this day, you may order 10 Pagodas to be paid the hircar.

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To Captain Preston 29th: December 1758.

I observe the Signal of your Arrival at the Mount. The Enemy have moved only their Moors Horse to the Number of three or 4 Hundred and five or Six Companies of Seapoys from the Black Town. These are posted round Egmore and the Villages of the Choultry Plain In St. Thomé I am advised they have about 200 European Foot; and 50 European Horse besides a few black Horse and Seapoys. Yesterday afternoon they began to remove their Sick from thence to the Black Town, and it is reported they design to withdraw their Men.

Whenever you intend to proceed to the Execution of what I mentioned in my Letter of the 27 You will observe to make the Night before the Signal I desired from the top of the Mount that the Troops from hence may move to support you in the Manner proposed in that Letter.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

I Judge the Enemy have from 100 to 150 European Horse in the Black Town, which it is reported were sent yesterday Evening to the Choultry Plain.

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To Usoff Cawn December 29th: 1758

Last Night I had the pleasure to receive your two Letters dated the 27 at Codangalotore. I hope both those which I wrote you the same day have reached you safely as they will acquaint you fully with my Intentions. According to my Intelligence the Enemy's Forces are at present disposed in the following Manner. About 200 European Foot, and 50 European Horse in St. Thomé. All the rest of their Europeans in the Black Town. Their Moors Horse to the Number of three or four hundred, with about Six Companys of Seapoys round about Egmore and Villages upon the Choultry Plain As soon as I observe the Signals I appointed you to make I shall order the Troops here to be in readiness to execute their part of the Designed Scheme which I doubt not will meet with Success.

Since Writing the above I have discovered the Red Flag upon the Mount by which I understand you are arrived there.

I judge the Enemy have from 100 to 150 European Horse in the Black Town which it is reported were sent Yesterday Evening to the Choultry Plain.

George Pigot.

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From Captain Preston Vendaloor 28 Decemr. 1758: 3: P.M

Honble Sir

I have just now received your Letter of Yesterday & am happy to find that a Step I have taken of my own Accord should prove almost exactly conformable to the Directions you have now sent me. By this, Sir, you may conclude that I am already with Usoff Cawn: We shall march for the Mount immediatly.

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt. humc Servant
Achilles Preston.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Received the 29 December 1758

This Day being the 27 Instant I marched from Changleput and arrived at Catangelatore 4 Coass on this Side. Captn. Preston with a large Force and Stores of War arrived in the Army this Evening. At noon I sent two Letters to you, I made it my study from the beginning to this Day to send 2 Letters to you from every stage, but if none of them reaches you, I cant help it. By the Blessing of God I shall arrive at Wandalore tomorrow. The Horsemen who went to ravage in Conjeveram Country, set fire to the Village there, plundered the Cattle, and returned again to the Army. By the Blessing of God to morrow I shall advance upon the Enemy's Army.

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FROM USOFF CAWN. Received the 29 Decemr. 1758

I had the honour to receive the three Letters dated the 27 on the 28 and observe what you was pleased to mention therein. There were 2 Letters to Captain Preston which I have delivered him and communicated to him the Orders from you. I accordingly arrived at Wandalore this Day and to morrow being Friday I shall get to the Mount and hoist the Red Flag at the place appointed. I thought fit to advise you with the foregoing.

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON Chingleput 27th December 1758

Honble Sir

Usoff Cawn is just now going to March off and in Order to assist him as much as is in my Power, I shall attend him myself. Lambert arrived Yesterday at Carangoly with about 400 Seapoys 25 Europeans and 2 Field Pieces. Rajah Saib I hear is at Vandewash.

I am
Honble Sir
Your most respectful humo:
Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

I have received your Letters of the 23d & 25th Instant and have forwarded one just now for Major Caillaud.

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FROM MAJOR CAILLAUD Tranquebar 6th. Decr. 1758

Sir

I have the honour to make you acquainted with my arrival at Tranquebar on the 4th. Instant: It was impossible for to reach Negapatam as I was ordered. The day after I left Madrass the weather proved so unfavorable, that I was glad to get to the first neutral Port that would receive me. I propose setting out from hence to morrow if the weather will permit, which yet continues very bad.

On my arrival at Tanjour I shall have the honour again of addressing you, In the mean time be pleased Sir, to Receive my acknowledgments for the many favours you have conferred on me and beleive me with equal gratitude and Respect

Your much obliged
and Obedient humble Servant
J: CAILLAUD.

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FROM MR. LALLY — Au Camp deu^{t} Ma : ce 30$^{th.}$ 10 ber 1758

A Monsieur
Monsieur Pigot Gouverneur pour la
C^{e} Anglaise

J'ay recu Monsieur La Letre que vous m'aves fait l'honneur de m'ecrire avant hier au Sujet d'un Sergent voleur qui a deserté de votre Garnisson. J'ay envoyé Sur le champ ordre á Monsieur de Leirit de l'arretter et de s'assurer de vos [?] qu'il a fait desque J'en aurai reçu de nouvelle je vous en ferai part.

J'ay L'honneur d'etre tres parfaitement
Monsieur Votre tres humble et tres
obeissant Serviture
LALLY.

P : S :

Je suis faché que vos bombardier[s] S'obstinent à tirer depuis six jours Sur la pagode que J'habite non pas pour l'amour de moy ca [ne ma] derrangera pas : mais pour l'amour des particuliers innocent[s] dont vous[?]. J'[irai] Commancer ce soir l'embrasement la Guerre comporte ses rigeurs et ses politesse[s] mutuelles.

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Mount 30$^{th.}$ December 1758

Hoñble Sir

This Morning about day break, the Enemy appeared to us from Seedah Pettah ; what their exact Number was I cant as yet say. They seemed to be about 150 Troopers, above 100 Europeans Foot and about 600 Seapoys, with a considerable Body of black Horse. They had 4 Guns with'em, & after a pretty smart Cannonading, we made a Push, & took two of 'em. This Party I understand is commanded by Col : Kennely. He is retreated to Seida pettah ; & I am informed he is to be supported there from their Main Body, this affair may retard our next intended Motion.

I am Hoñble Sir
Your most respectful Humble
Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

The 10,000 Pagodas you sent me by the way of Sadras have reached me.

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FROM USOFF CAWN — Dated 30$^{th.}$ Decem$^{r.}$ 1758 Rec$^{d.}$ the same day

On my Arrival at the Mount I addressed 2 Letters toYour honour : your Two Letters dated the 27 came to my hand at 12 o Clock on the same night which gave me great happiness. The Plan for an Engagement you sent both in the Persians and English has informed me very fully. I must beg leave to inform your honour that this day being the 30 Instant early in the Morning the Enemy Army consisting of Seapoys Country and European horse as also Soldiers with 3 Guns marched against our Army and a Sm art engagement insued which lasted till 10 oClock. At Length we Rush'd upon them and punished them severly by taking 2 of their Guns and a Powder Chest. About 15 Europeans, some Seapoys and Horse being Kill'd on the Enemys Side they then retreated and took away the wounded Men with them wherefore we could not tell their Numbers. In our Army one European was killed and some horse and Seapoys wounded of

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which I shall enquire and write to you fully I write this in haste that you might be acquainted with the foregoing Meer Mansoor Jamadar with 4 Horse from S$^{t.}$ Thome has join'd Us.

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To Captain Preston 30 December 1758

Sir

I have just now received your Letter of this Date acquainting me of your Success, a Hircarrah arrived this Evening informs me that he was taken Yesterday by the French but found means to distroy the Letter he was charged with from you or Usoff Cawn, I shall wait the appointed Signal to second your Enterprize according to the Plan of the 27, in the mean time some measures will be taken here to prevent the Enemy from reinforcing their Detachment to oppose You.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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To Usoff Cawn December 30$^{th:}$ 1758

Just now I had the pleasure to receive your Letter, from the Mount dated this day. The two you mention to have wrote me Yesterday have not reach'd me. One of the Hircars by name Venkatanaranapa arrived this Afternoon and inform'd me that having been stopt by the Enemy's Guards he was oblig'd to distroy the Letter; The other Hircar is not arrived.

The Victory you gain'd over the Enemy, and your taking the Guns, has thrown them into great confusion, and oblig'd them to draw towards their Main Army in the Black Town. Their Camp was fixed this Evening beginning from the North side of Egmore, to the Choultry Plain; consisting of Black horse, European Horse, and some European Foot. With Regard to the plan of Action proposed in my Letter of the 27$^{th:}$ the Time is left to you. The Troops here will be ready at the appointed Signal; and in the mean time we shall undertake something on this Side to prevent Reinforcements being sent to the Troops ordered to oppose you. My Hircars bring me advise that an Officer and several Men who were wounded in the Engagement with your Army this Morning were carried to their Hospital in the Black Town. I shall advise you constantly of the Motions of the Enemy in these Quarters.

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To M$^{r.}$ Lally December 31st 1758

Sir

I have had the honour to receive the letter you wrote me last night and am much obliged to you for the enquiry you have been pleased to order relating to Serjeant Harley.

In War mutual Civilities and mutual Severities may be expected: if the first has been wanting, it has not been on my part. Upon your entrance into the Black Town, I gave Orders to the Commandant of Artillery that no fire should be directed at the Church of the Capucine Friars where I heard you intended to reside, altho it is nearly within Point Blank Shot of the Cannon of the Fort, a distance very unusual for a Generals Head Quarters, these Orders were not revoked until I received Information that you had removed from thence and that your

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Guards often paraded there. If you will do me the Honour to inform me at what Pagoda you fix your head Quarters all due respect shall be paid them.

I have the honour to be very perfectly
Sir
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON 31st. December 1758

Sir

Inclosed is Duplicate of what I wrote you last night This Morning a Detachment from the Garrison march'd as far as Trivelicane but met with none of the Enemys Guards. They took a Packet of Letters from Pondicherry by which I find that Mr. Delatour Captain of Dragoons was to march from thence the 27th in the morning for Madras with some Money under his Convoy. I conclude he will have with him the same 150 Horse with which he conducted our Prisoners to Pondicherry. I therefore give you this Notice that you may keep out Hircars to the Southward and endeavour to intercept him.

Our Sally this Morning caus'd the Enemy to send out a Detachment from their Quarters in the Black Town; and after our Troops return'd into Garrison I saw that Detachment march into Egmore Fort, consisting I think of about 200 Men. I am inform'd they have another party of Europeans upon Choultry Plain, and the Camp of their Country Forces extends from the North Side of Egmore Fort to Woodundee's Choultry, commonly called the White Choultry, at the Bottom of the Avenue leading to the Mount.

I see no Reason to alter our Plan of the 27th. Whenever therefore you are ready to proceed to the Exicution, make the appointed Signal, and we will do our part. Endeavour to draw off more of the Enemy's Black Horse: as soon as our Communication is open, Money shall not be wanting.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

PS Just now being near Sun sett I observe about fifty European Horse, pass by Egmore toward Choultry Plain.

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To USOFF CAWN December the 31st. 1758

I wrote to you late last night in Answer to your Letter of the same date. Herewith is a Duplicate of that Letter. This Morning a Detachment from the Garrison march'd as far as Trivilicane, but met with none of the Enemy's Guards. They took a Packet of Letters from Pondicherry by which I find that Mr. Delatour Captain of Dragoons was to march from thence the 27th: in the Morning for Madrass with some Money under his Convoy. I conclude he will have with him the same 150 Horse with which he conducted our Prisoners to Pondicherry; I therefore give you this Notice that you may keep out Hircars to the Southward and endeavour to intercept him.

Our Sally this Morning caused the Enemy to send out a Detachment from their head Quarters in the Black Town, and after our Troops returned into Garrison, I saw that Detachment march'd into Egmore Fort consisting I think of about 200 Men. I am informed they have another Party of Europeans upon the Choultry Plain, and their Country Forces are encamped from the North side of

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Egmore Fort to Woodundee's Choultry commonly called the White Choultry, at the Bottom of the Avenue leading to the Mount.

I see no Reason to alter our Plan of the 27 Whenever therefore you are ready to proceed to the Execution make the appointed Signal and we will do our part. Endeavour to draw of more of the Enemys Black Horse; as soon as our Communication is open Money shall not be wanting.

Just now being near Sunset I observe about 50 European Horse pass by Egmore towards the Choultry Plain.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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FROM BALAZAROW Received 31st. December 1758

After a long time I received your agreable Letter and observe the Contents, you was pleased to mention concerning the Disturbance raised by the French, and of their taking possession of several Forts and Places and of your Readiness with stores of War to oppose them, desiring me at the same time to order a proper Force to your assistance, and to write to the Sardars in your Parts to act in conjunction with each other to put an end to the Disturbance, all which I observe very fully. As I am always inclined for the Peace of the Country and the good of the People, I wrote lately to Gopallraw who was ordered with a proper Army to regulate the Affairs of the Carnateck Country for what was necessary and he will advise you what he may think adviseable and proper and hope you'll act according to his advise.

Continue to write to me of your welfare and of the Occurrences that I may be glad.

What can I say more.

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FROM TONDAMAN Received the 31st. December 1758

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter advising me to Yield my assistance to Mahomed Usoff Cawn, of your expectations of the arrival of the Ships and inclination to act against the Enemy. Agreable to your Honours desire, and that of Mahomud Usoff Cawn, I have sent a Body of 200 horse, 1500 Peons, 250 [R] achevars &ca to the assistance of the said Mahomud Usoff Cawn.

As you are very kind and favourable to me, I am Night and Day exerting myself in the Circars Affairs with sincerity As for myself I employed my time from the beginning in the Devotions of God which is best of all things, and as my Sons, Brothers, and Relations Depend upon you, you should shew your favour to them. Continue your kind Correspondence of Letters advising me of the News of your Parts.

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FROM Mr. SMITH Sadras 30th: December 1758

Honble Sir

My last to you was dated the 27 by boat at which time I sent you Duplicates of all those I had wrote you since the 9th and two from Captain Preston, all which I hope you have duly received. The accompanying Letters I last night received from Mr. Bodle, & here I must again beg you'll be so kind as to excuse the Liberty I have been obliged to take in breaking them open, as nothing but the Good of the Service induced me to it, and otherwise I could not have forwarded 'em to you. I have received advice of the Money being safe arrived at Chingleput, which is not a little lucky, as very early the next morning, 20 Foot 40 Troopers, and a few Seapoys, arrived here from Covelong & are still here waiting to be

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reinforced, when they will march to the Camp, with a large Quantity of Powder and Ammunition which is now lodged here: Captain Preston with the Nellour Subadah [*sic*] marched the 27th. and I should think they might intercept every thing that passes Great Quantitys of Cooleys still continue to pass & repass, and their Rout is generally along shore. Mr. Latour with 140 Troopers I hear is gone to Carangoly and is to join Sahandah [*sic*] Saib who I am informed is somewhere thereabouts with 2000 Seapoys. It is talked here that Major Caillaud and the Tanjorans are on their march and not far from Pondicherry. I have sent people out to enquire & sincerly wish it may prove true.

Yesterday there was a Ship supposed to be French at anchor a great way to the Southward, but I cant see her to day. This Morning a Brigantine pass'd by to the Southward and 13 Boats to the Northward. I have promised to give the bearer two Pagodas on his bringing me an Answer to this.

I am very respectfully
Hoñble Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
CHARLES SMITH.

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Trimomboor Decemr: 31st: 1758

Hoñble Sir

Immediatly after our Little Affair of Yesterday Morning, I was for moving on, & having the Signal you proposed for our next Motion, made last night. But being obliged to act in Concert with Usoff Cawn, & he not approving of it, as his People were murmering for Refreshment, & he thought it necessary to be more informed of the Enemys Situation; I could n't but assent to our remaining at the Mount a little longer.

A Piece of Intelligence I received from Chingleput, induced us this Morning to come here, in Hopes of intercepting Mr. Lambert with a very considerable Escort, & a large Quantity of Stores; and in hopes at the same time of meeting with a supply of Rice from Chingleput, We are in such great want of that Article that I'm afraid will be necessitated to move that way to Morrow.

I am
Hoñble Sir
Your most obedt: Humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

PS

If we dont move to Chingleput tomorrow, & should be prevented from sending to make the Signal you proposed upon the Mount will fire 2 or 3 or 4 Rockets as near as we can to St. Thomé.

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FROM USOFF CAWN — Dated 31st: Decemr: 1758
Received 1st: Jany: 1759

Agreable to your Honours order this day being the 31st: Instant having a Design to go to St. Thomé, I Marched from the Mount and arrived at Tervambore. I must inform you that for these 5 days, no supplys of HorseGram, Rice &ca Goods have been brought from any place to the Army for which reason all the Horses have been starving all this time and the Men these 3 days; Notwith-

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standing by your honours favour, I with great pains used all means to encourage the Men to fight a Battle and Punish the Enemy properly, of which your honour is informed I have sent both Bullocks and Men towards Chingleput to bring provisions and when they return I shall be certain of having them.

From Walaporam to these parts all the Villages on the Road have been ruined by reason of the Enemy's Army passing to or fro' and the Inhabitants are Fled. Nowby our Army's comming[*sic*] they are quite ruined, in so much that there is not a single grain to be got from any place. I dont see any Method to get provisions in future for the Army. Before the Army is supplyed with Provisions and refresh'd We cant proceed to S$^{t.}$ Thomé The Auxilary Troops will not step forward. As I am subject to your orders, I am ready with my Soul to execute what you may be pleased to order. Shaick Esmaih who knows our Situation here and is come to you will inform you fully. Maulraz Pulligar has sent his Vackeel here, and he says that if the Army comes to those parts he will gather together all the Polligars and stop the Enemy's Provisions, By which means the whole of the Enemys Army will be ruined in some Days. News was brought that Monsieur Lambert with some warlike Stores is proceeding to the Enemy's Army by this Road. I have not yet learnt a true Account of it, Please to send me an Answer to this Letter with all possible speed.

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To Captain Preston 1$^{st:}$ January 1759

Sir

I received your Letter of the 31st with one from Usoff Cawn in which he likewise writes of your Difficulty in getting Provisions. We have an exceeding good stock in the Garrison, but not sufficient for the supply of so large a Number of people. You must therefore keep Yourselves in such a Situation to have the Country open for your own supplies and to cut of those of the Enemy I beleive upon the whole this is the best plan you can act on, for the Enemy by this means must soon be put to great Difficulties, and as to the Fort we shall be in no Danger; let them carry on their Attack till our expected Fleet arrives and then you may draw near and we will make a General Sally. You must try to drive away the Enemy's People from Covelon and keep your main Body so posted as to prevent any supplies coming to them by that Road, for great Quantities both of Stores and Provisions have been sent and are yet expected that way. I should think Wendelour a good situation for your main Body, you will there easily draw your Supplies from Changleput & Covelong and will be near enought [*sic*] to prevent any thing passing the South road. From thence your Horse & Colleries may patrole as far as Conjeveram, Poonamalee and even Terposore; how far it may be prudent to attempt the Conquest of either of those places, you will best judge from the Intelligence you will receive of the Force the Enemy keeps there.

I have sent by this Cattamaran 10,000 Pagodas, & will send as much more by another some time to day. This will I hope enable you to encourage the country People to bring in provisions to your Camp, and to draw off the Country Forces of the Enemy. Let Usoff Cawn write, and you at the same time to Maulrauze and the other Polygars to assist in supplying you with provisions and cutting off the Enemys Supplies.

It is reported here that Major Caillaud is as far on his way as Villenur with a Body of Tanjour Horse and Polygars Forces but I have no Letters from him if you receive any advice where he is forward him a Copy of this Letter that he may know how to co-opperate with us.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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When you receive this Letter make a great Smoke at Top of Trivambore Pagoda with wet Straw.

N. 114. January 1st 1759

To Usoff Cawn. [*See page 24.*]

I have sent 10,000 Pagodas by this Cattamaran and will send as much more by another some time to day. I supply you with this plenty of Money in hopes that it will enable you to subsist your Army with plenty of provisions and every thing necessary and to draw of [*sic*] the Enemy's Country Troops. I heard from Shaik Ismaal of the Scheme you proposed and I think it is a very reasonable and advantageous one; and if you can so far succeed as to prevent the Enemy's receiving any supplies, it will soon put them under great Difficulties. The South Road is that by which all their supplies come, if you can take Covelon and keep your people there it will be a great advantage. Wendelour seems to me to be a good post for your main Army to lay, it lies convenient for you to receive supplies from Covelon, and Changleput and for preventing anything coming to the Enemy. From thence your Horse, Colleries &ca light Troops may patrole as far as Conjiveram, Poonamalee and even Trepasore. In short let it be your object to distress the Enemy by cutting of their supplies & drawing away their country Troops, by such means as appears to you most effectual, and as to the Fort there is no fear; we shall easily resist all attacks of the Enemy, and when our Fleet from Europe arrives; which is daily expected I shall advise you, that we may make with our United Force a general Attack upon them.

When you receive this Letter make a Large Smoak [*sic*] at Top of the Pagoda of Trivambore. You may write to Maulrauze and the other Polygars to assist in supplying you with Provisions & cutting off the Enemy's supplies.

As to the Forts of Poonamalee, Terpasour and Conjeveram it is left to you to attack them, or not as you may judge most proper after you have got good intelligence of the Force the Enemy keeps there.

George Pigot.

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[*See page 24.*]

To Captain Preston 1 January 1759.

Sir

Herewith is Duplicate of the Letter I dispatch'd to you at one this Afternoon by a Cattamaran with ten Thousand Pagodas. This goes by another Cattamaran with a like sum, all which I hope will reach you safely. I have heard nothing particular of the Enemy's Motions.

Mr Smith at Sadras writes me under date the 30 December that 20 Soldiers 40 Troopers, and a few Seapoys were arrived there from Covelon and waited to be reinforced when they were to march to Camp with a large Quantity of Powder and Ammunition then lying at Sadras.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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To Usoff Cawn 1st January 1759

About one oClock this afternoon I dispatched a Cattamaran to you with 10,000 Pagodas and a Letter of this Date under the Care of Shaik Ismaal Hircar, I hope he is safe arrived. Now I dispatch another Cattamaran with a like Sum of 10,000 Pagodas under care of Shaik Ally Company's Peon and a Duplicate of the same Letter, to which I have nothing new to add. I have heard nothing particular of the Enemy [*sic*] motions this day.

I have received a Letter from Mr Smith at Sadras dated the 30 December advising that 20 Soldiers, & forty Soldiers with a few Seapoys were arrived their [*sic*] from Covelon, expecting to be reinforc'd when they will march to Camp with a large Quantity of Powder & Ammunition then lying at Sadras.

George Pigot.

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General Return of the Strength of the Garrison of Fort St. George for the Month of December 1758.

	Officers.																			Doing Duty.									Sick and Wounded in the Hospital.							Total.	Casualties.								
												Staff.											Centinels.								Centinels.														
	Lieut. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Capts Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Lieut. Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeon.	Adjutants.	Qr. Masters.	Chaplain.	Surgeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volunteers.	Serjeant.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Coffreys.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Artificers.	Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Absent.	Deceased.	Deserted.	Discharged.	Entertained.	Kill'd & Missing.	Preferd.	Taken Prisoners.	Received.	Removed.
Troop of Horse	...	...	1	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	..	.	..	...	...	2	1	1	30	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	35	...	.	...	...	.	...	.	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	..	5	1	1	...	1	...	..	1	1	2	..	4	5	3	..	...	...	...	13	35	66	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys Artillery	...	..	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...		...	..	..	..	3	1	.	...	...	...	...	2	13	46	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	66	...	.	...	...	...	...	2	...	36	...
His Majestys 64th Regiment	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	5	...	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	171	.	14	...	...	2	...	...	12	...	...
The Detachment of Marines ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	..	...	3	2	...	...	70	.	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	20	...	...	...	97	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys 1st Battalion ...	...	1	7	...	...	...	5	...	12	.	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	40	40	26	...	383	34	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	42	1	...	...	572	...	5	3	...	14	58	...	...	27	22
Ditto Ditto 2d Ditto ...	...	..	6	..	...	..	8	...	8	..	...	...	1	1	...	..	..	..	...	1	39	39	22	...	219	28	73	...	...	...	2	4	1	34	6	...	...	14	481	...	35	2	1	13	24	...	33	56	60
Invalids and Pensioners	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	..	..	38	21	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1		...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	28	1	...	...	4	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Total ...	2	2	19	1	1	3	21	2	23	7	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	128	92 [?]	57	1	885	83	79	16	49	112	4	11	1	114	7	4	3	14	1,660	10	57	5	1	29	77	2	45	121	83

General Monthly Return of the Seapoys for the Month of December.

1758	Jamadars of Horse.	Blackmen of Horse.	Commandants.	Subedars.	Jamadars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colourmen.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeteers.	Seapoys.	Total.
First & Second Battalion ...	2	5	2	32	131	228	180	51	42	15	1530	2218

Robt. Bannatyne,
T. Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORES THE 2d. JANUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remains the 26 Decemr.	Expended from 26 Decr. to 1 Janry. inclusive.	Remain the 2d.
Firewood	No.	1,634,485	109,282	1,525,203
Rice	Garce.	100-330	9-251	91-79
Pease	Ditto.	1-179	...	1-179
Doll	Ditto.	3-365	...	3-365
Gram	Ditto.	14-343	1-9	13-334
Biscuit... ... Kings & Companys	lb.	30140	120	30020
Candles	No.	9505	500	9005
Wheat ... Kings & Companys	Garce.	16-142	0-100	16-42
Paddy	Ditto.	32-317-1	1-172-2	30-144-7
Salt Fish	No.	29849	6130	[2]3719
Ghee	Candy.	38-8-7-10½	3-3-1-19	35-5-5-31½
Sugar	Ditto.	55-1-0-0	7-6-13-0	47-14-12-0
Arrack... ... Kings	Gallons.	22,000	...	22000
Companys	Ditto.	8,144	991½	7152½
Live Cattle	No.	632	352	280
Live Sheep	No.	460	251	209
Salt Beef ... Kings & Company	lb.	28526	...	28526
Salt Pork ... Kings	Ditto.	116652	...	116652
Suit [Sic] ... Ditto	Ditto.	18199	...	18199
Salt	Garce.	10-93-4	0-134-2	9-359-2
Pepper	Candy.	7-10-23-8	0-4-22-0	7-6-1-8
Chilley	Ditto.	21-11-16-11	0-4-2-0	21- 7-14-11
Tammarind	Ditto.	69-15-6-12	2-6-23-6	67- 8- 8- 6
Turmerick	Ditto.	3-13-16-4	0-1-2-0	3-12-14- 4
Cummin Seed	Ditto.	6-0-14-8	0-0-21-0	5-19-18- 8
Tobacco	Ditto.	28-14-11-14	1-10-0-0	27- 4-11-14
Beetle Nutt	Ditto.	14-2-19-11	0-17-6-0	13- 5-13-11
Finegreck	Ditto.	2-3-23-4	0-0-5-8	2- 3-17-12
Leaves for Plates	No.	151376	29737	121639
Lamp Oil	Measrs.	3246⅔	376⅔	2869⅓
Gingely Oil	Ditto.	773⅓	125⅔	644⅔
Mustard Seed Oil	Ditto.	1300	...	1300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls Mallys, Lamps Jarrs & Guglets	No.	15395	411	14984
Baskets of Sorts	No.	12715	204	12511
Matts large and small	No.	5050	110	4940
Well Ropes	No.	[?] 3383	200	3683
Straw...	Stacks.	2½	1	1½

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 26TH DECEMBER 1758 TO THE 2D JANUARY 1759.

			Remains the 26 Decemr 1758	Receipts since	Issues since	Remains 2d Jany. 1759
Gun Powder	Europe	Barrs qtg. 100 lb. ea.	618½	...	46½	572
	Country	do. @ 100 lb. Ea.	1729–20 lb	...	46	1683–20 lb
			2347–70 lb		92–50 lb	2255–20 lb
	Gheria	Chests ..	250	...	3	247
Shott	Round	24 Pounders ...	12,861	...	250	12,611
		18 ditto ...	9,188	...	115	9073
		12 ditto ...	5,471	...	150	5321
		9 ditto ...	9,907	...	86	9821
		6 ditto ...	7,606	...	31	7575
	Lead	Musquet ...	894,666	...	70,000	824,666
		Carbine ...	246,990	...	24	246966
Mortar Shells		13 Inch ...	880	...	140	740
		10 ditto ...	1,524	...	123	1401
		8 ditto ...	1173	...	106	1067
		5½ ditto or Royals ...	1,322	...	347	975
		4⅘ ditto or Cohorns...	2693	...	342	2351
Gunners Stores	Powder Horns	...	192	...	3	189
	Lints stocks with Cocks	...	26	...	1	25
	without	...	20	...	2	18
	Tanned Hides	...	20	...	3	17
	Salting Boxes	...	14	...	4	10
	Port fires	...	3064	...	18	3046
	Tubes	12 Pounder ...	2870	...	12	2858
		6 ditto ...	6650	14	...	6664
Match	Country	Skains ...	3184	...	56	3128
	Europe	ditto ...	139	...	3	136
Gunners Utensils	Priming Irons	...	299	...	40	259
	Ashen Staves—Spare	...	347	...	1	346
	Steel Bitts	...	1345	...	41	1304
Necessaries for the Powder House						
	Iron Cooling Pans	...	15	...	1	14
Firelocks	Bajonet Pieces new	...	1798	14	10	1802
	ditto ditto Repaired	...	212	8	...	220
	Pistols with Ribbs	Pr. ...	308	1		306
	Carbines with Bajonets	...	3	3	...	6
	Musquets without Bajonets new		100	31	19	112
	Ditto ditto Repaired	...	285	18	5	298
Small Arms	Brass Hangers ...	...	110	1	1	110
	Bajonets ..	...	322	3	1	324
	Brass Basket hilted Swords	...	355	...	3	352
	Brass Swords ...	...	224	5	...	229
	Iron Basket hilted Swords	...	18	...	1	17
	Halberts	...	52	...	10	42
	Half Pikes ...	...	2	...	2	...
	Flints ...	...	481,905	...	266	481639
Armoury Stores	Bajonet Belts ...	...	347	...	5	342
	Cartridge Paper— Bengal	...	10360	..	500	9860
	Cartridge Boxes— Europe	...	94	65	1	158
	Country Wooden		500	...	76	424
	Do. Leather		127	...	6	121
	Buff Sword Belts ...	...	557	1	11	547
Armoury Petty Stores—						
	Hamers	...	645	...	259	386
	Pickers	...	...	312	312	...
	Worms	...	1634	...	292	1342
Necessaries for the Gunroom						
	Dark Lanthorns ...	...	5	...	1	4
General Stores	Hand spikes ...	...	655	...	9	646
	Gunney Sand Bags	...	15,100	...	600	14500
	Wax Cloth— pieces	...	155	...	1¾	153¼
	Spirits of Wine—Galls	...	117¾	...	3	114¾
	Charcoal Soops	...	2348	...	90	2258

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CHS. BOURCHIER

Milityy Storekr.

N.B.—All other Articles of Military Stores remaining in the Garrison are the same as mentioned in the General and other Returns already deliver'd in.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT St. GEORGE FROM THE 26TH DECEMBER 1758 TO THE 1ST. JANUARY 1759.

	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
Days.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
26	50	2	...	1	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
27	51	7	1	1	54	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
28	56	3	...	2	53	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
29	57	6	...	3	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
30	60	6	...	2	53	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	28	...	1	...
31	64	2	...	1	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...
1st	65	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...

ROBT. TURING,
SURGEON.

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From USOFF CAWN — Received 1st January 1759

I had the happyness to receive two Letters one Dated 31st December 1758 at 12 o'Clock in the Forenoon and the other dated this day at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon. Agreable to your order I halted this Day at Trevambore Affairs here are the same as Yesterday and whenever you send a Boat and order I shall act accordingly I posted a good Guard towards the sea side. According to your orders I have sent hircars to bring intelligence of the Enemy's supplies.

Except the Scheme I proposed to you by Shaick Esmail, there appears no other means for punishing and ruining the Enemy, but it is left to your pleasure as I am subject to your orders.

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From USOFF CAWN — Received 2 January 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter dated this day being the 1st Instant in the Evening with a supply of 10 Thousand Pagodas at Trevambore and observe the particulars therein contained and I shall act agreable thereto. We shall take Lally and his European Army in the same manner we did Chenda Saib in the fight at Trithinopoly Your honour may therefore be easy and take care of the Fort. As I am a Servant of the Company and your honour is my superior I shall advise you with whatever may be benificial to the Company and you'll take it into consideration and give directions. As the Enemy are insignificant 'tis not a great matter to punish them.

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From CAPTAIN PRESTON — Trivamboor, January 1st 1759

HOñBLE SIR

Intelligence is brought us of the French having taken Sadras. Mr. Latour under pretence of reviewing his Command, took an opportunity of seizing upon the Centries

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& Arms of the Garrison and made every body in it Prisoners. I made a Smoak as as you directed me, this Evening by way of acknowledging your last Letter.

I am
Hoñble Sir
Your most respectful
humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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Trevambore January 2d. 1759

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON

Hoñble Sir

This morning the Enemy attack'd us again, before Day break. Usoff Cawn, with his people, laid on the North side of the Pagoda; and I with ours on the South Side: We were at first alarm'd on both sides: but of a sudden we were convinced the attack was entirely on the North side Usoff Cawn's Seapoys stood it extreamly well for a while; which gave us time to assist 'em very opportunely. For we had scarce got sight of the Enemy before they had all of 'em given way; and left their Guns, we happened luckily to be within Grape Shot of the Enemy, before we perceived 'em; and giving them our whole Fire at once, they soon made off in Confusion, half of Usoff Cawn's Gunners whom they had taken, as well as the Guns, we recovered.

Our Horse were but badly prepared for acting in this Affair, as it was but a little after Day-break before the Enemy made the best of their way thro' the Paddy Fields; & indeed if they had been ever so well prepared, I should have expected but little from 'em by the manner of their behaving at the Mount, as it was very remarkable they there only wounded such of the Enemy as had fallen by our Shot; I mention this Circumstance, Sir, now, because I have the mortification to understand that at Madras it was thought we could do more that day than we realy did. In the affair of this morning the Enemy had at least 400 European Foot besides their Troopers. The number of Killed and Wounded on both sides, was very considerable. I myself have seen a Captain of the French Troop, & a foot officer, with about 30 of their Europeans dead on the Spot: & I am well assured that there are more of 'em lying in the Tope & Paddy Fields.

I beg, Sir, you'll supply us immediatly with a Case of Instruments compleat for our Surgeon; his own being carried off this Morning.

I am
Hoñble Sir
Your most respectful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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Dated & Received January 2d. 1759

FROM USOFF CAWN

Yesterday I addressed your Honour acknowledging the Receipt of the Money. This day being the 2d Instant in the Morning, The Enemy with an Army consisting of 1000 Soldiers and some European & Country Horse as also Seapoys marched and attacked my Troops early in the Morning and a sharp engagement ensued about 100 of our Men were killed or Wounded. The Enemy met with the same loss. At length I kept my Post firm and the Enemy retreated. I remain here to this Hour being 3 oClock in the afternoon but the Enemy are not returned. I shall now move from hence to Wendalore.

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To Mr. Henry Brooke 3d. January 1759

Sir

Captain Preston writes me under date the 1st Instant that he had received advice of the French having taken Sadras; That Mr. Latour under pretence of reveiwing his Command took an Opportunity of seizing upon the Centries and Arms of the Garrison and made every body in it Prisoners.

I desire you will immediatly acquaint Baron Van Eck of this Intelligence shewing him from what authority I have it from, and tell him I am the more inclined to think it true from some other Informations which have fallen in my way.

One is an intercepted Letter from Mr. Boyelleau at Pondicherry to Mr. Chevreau, Treasury General of the French Army in which is the following remarkable Passage.

L'on a dit icy que vous aviez envoyé emprunter de l'argent a Paliacatta; on doute du Succès et l'on pense qu'il eut eté mieux d'en demander de vive force a titre de contribution, il semble qu'il ne manquoit pas de pretexte, et meme de raisons fondées.

And another Circumstance is that upon the application of some of our Ladies for Pasports to go out of Town Mr. Lally first permitted them to go to any place except Sadras and Puliacat and afterwards gave them Permission for Sadras, but by no means to Pulicat. This Change we conclude was made upon his receiving the news of Sadras being taken, and from hence it is to be feared he designs to act the same Part at Puliacat.

There was a Letter for the Baron came in the same Packet from Pondicherry which shall be sent by the first Cattemaran. The Contents of it as I perceive from one of the French Letters are only to desire him to furnish a Chelinga.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

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To Captain Preston January 3d. 1759

Sir

About 10 last night the Cattamaran arrived with your Letters of the 1st. & 2d. The Action of which you give an account in the last gave me great pleasure and does much honour to you and your party. The Behaviour of the Seapoys is also to be commended for making so vigorous an Opposition against so strong a Detachment of the Enemy. Country Horse I know are not to be depended on for regular attacks, espicially if before day light, and I never did nor shall regard their Backwardness as a matter in the least connected with your Conduct, the which I entirely approve from the Beginning of the Expedition.

The large Detachments the Enemy have been oblig'd to make against You has very much harrass'd their People and keept back their Work, however they fired upon us Yesterday morning from seven Guns and five Mortars, more I beleive with the Design of keeping off our Attention from their Attempt upon your Camp, than as the beginning of an Attack, upon the Place. Two of their Guns were presently render'd unserviceable by our Shot and they drew of [*sic*] the rest. Their Mortars continued playing all day, but did not hurt one of our people. As you may remain some time at Vendelour it may be adviseable to strengthen the Post by fresh Entrenchments or Works as you shall judge best; and have strong Parties

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always ready to attempt the Cutting off the Enemy's Convoys, the Chief of which must come by the way of Covelon.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To USOFF CAWN 3d. January 1759

Last night I had the pleasure to receive your Letter dated the 2d. Instant. Your success over so large a Detachment of the Enemy does great honour to you and all your Army, and will gain you great Esteem from the Company. The Enemy by being obliged to send such considerable Detachments to oppose you are very much harass'd and fatigued; and retarded them from carrying on their Works against the Fort; nevertheless they began to fire yesterday from seven Guns and five Mortars. Their Gun Battery was soon silenced two of their Guns being broke by the Shot from the Fort but they continued all Day to throw Shells; however none of our People received any Hurt. When you come to Wendelour, as you may stay there some days, it may be adviseable for you and Captain Preston to take notice of the Situation of the Place and then make an Entrenchment or Breastwork that your Camp may be strongly guarded.

The Enemy's grand supplies of Stores and Ammunition are brought by the way of Covelon as I before advised you I doubt not you will endeavour to get good and early Intelligence of their Rout and do your utmost to cut them off; for this purpose you must keep a strong Body always in readiness, while your Horse, Colleries &ca disperse themselves round the Country to bring you supplies and cut off the Enemys.

I only receiv'd your Letter acknowledging the Receipt of the firt [*sic*] Supply of Money sent by the Cattamaran. I suppose your Letter concerning the second supply was sent by the Peon Shaik Aly, who is not yet arrived although the Cattamaran return'd safe.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 129.

[*See page 29.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Received 6th January 1759

On the 2d. Instant I address'd a Letter to you from Tervambore after the Engagement with the Enemy giving you an Account thereof which I suppose you are acquainted with. On the 3d. I with the Army and Captain Preston, arrived at Wandalore. This Day being the 4th I remain at the said place. At the time of the Action all the Bag and Baggage &ca were carryed to Changleput and they will be brought again to the Camp. I send Shaick Esmall to you who will inform you concerning the above engagement. I have sent the wounded men to Changleput. I shall consult a Method in this place about what may be necessary to be done and act accordingly.

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[*See page 29.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON. Chingleput Mall, Jany. 6th: 1759

Honble Sir

I am sorry to acquaint you that in the Afternoon after the Action, at Trivambore, I was obliged to attend Usoff Cawn from that place, without either burying all the Dead, or bringing away all our wounded. Several Hundred of his Seapoys, with almost all his Colleries, & a considerable Number of his Horse, who had forsaken him in the Time of the Action, all made the best of their way to Changleput with a Notion that we were entirely routed. And those who

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remained with us being under a good deal of Consternation and extreamly discontented for want of Provisions; we found it necessary to march directly for Vendaloor. We were in hopes there, at least to have collected our scatter'd Seapoys; but not succeeding as we expected; and many more of the Horse having deserted after the rest: and besides not having a single Cooley or Tool to employ in making an Entrenchment; we then thought it most prudent to come on here. We are now tolerably well recruted; and shall set out again to-morrow morning.

I am inform'd that Mr. & Mrs. Morse with several other Ladies are fallen into the Hands of the French at Sadras. But that they're extreamly well treated, & have had nothing at all taken from them.

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir
Your most faithful Servant
A: Preston.

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[*See page 29.*]

From Usoff Cawn — Received the 7 January 1759

I had the honour to receive a Duplicate of your Letter, Dated the 3d Instant on the 5th Yesterday I address'd a Letter to you acknowledging the receipt of the Money sent to me in two different times and I advised you at the same time of my returning an Answr. to your Letter, and of the encampment of my Army in the Village of Singapermall Covil, all which I suppose you are fully acquainted with This Day being the 6th. I remain in the same place If we resolve upon any thing in future I shall acquaint you I have been informed Yesterday that some English Ladies who went by Sea to Sadras were seized by the French and made Prisoners.

In a Battle with the French at Trevambore on the 2d the following people were kill'd or wounded vizt.

Killed as follows

2 Europeans.
1 Subadar.
2 Jamadar.
8 Havildars.
3 Naicks.
46 Seapoys.
3 Ditto riding on Horse Back.

65 Men.
5 Horses.

Wounded as follows

121 Subadars & Seapoys.
6 Europeans.

127 Men.

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[*See page 29.*]

To Captain Preston — 7 January 1759

Sir

Very early this Morning I received your Letter of the 6th. I have for the present no particular opperation to recommed [*sic*] to you, but to be extreamly diligent & watchful in procuring advice of any of the Enemy's Convoys and endeavouring to intercept them. I hope also that Maulrauze and the other Polygars will assist you in preventing Supplies of Provisions going to them by the roads of Permadore & Poonamalee. This deserves the more attention at this time as the Season for cutting the Grain is now beginning.

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Yesterday & to day the Enemy have kept up a very brisk fire; We have suffer'd very little as to our Works or our People: What may have been the Enemy's Loss is not known. The Three Boats which carried Mr. Morse &ca to Sadras were loaded by the French with Ammunition and dispatch'd for St. Thomé with one Man in each whom the Boat people Secured and brought with the Ammunition to Madras.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 29.*]

To USOFF CAWN — January 7th 1759

Last night I received your Letter dated the 4th. Instant and this Morning came to hand that of the 6th. Yesterday and to day the Enemy have kept up a very smart Fire of Shott & Shells, as well as the Fort. On our Side very little damage has been done; what the Enemy has Suffer'd I have no certain Accounts.

I hope that by your Vigilance & Diligence all their Supplies coming by land from Covelon will be intercepted, and that Detachments from your Army will be able in conjunction with the Polygars to stop all Provisions by the road of Permadore, Poonamalee &ca ispecially as the Time of Cutting the Grain is now beginning.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 134.

[*See page 30.*]

To ANTAZEE PUNT — 7th. January 1759

As you are well acquainted with all the affairs of this Country and the several Polygars and other Powers will pay a regard to what you recommend to them, I think it may be servicieable [*sic*] that you go and reside at Changleput or thereabouts and use your endeavours to get the Polygars to join their Forces and cut off the Enemy's supplies. Endeavour at the same time to assist the army under Command of Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn with the necessary supplies of Provisions.

You are acquainted with the agrement made with Morarow, whose Troops ought in consequence to have arrived here before now. I have wrote a Letter to him which I herewith deliver you and desire you will forward it and write him to order his Troops to come soon. As you have an Influance over many of the Jemedars in the Enemy's Camp you will endeavour to bring them over to our side and let them go & join Usoff Cawn, as their Wages shall be paid by the Company as you may settle.

The time for cutting the Paddy is now at hand, use your Endeavours that the Enemy may not gather it in, but get it carried to Changleput & Usoff cawn's Camp. Send me continually what news you hear which will give me great pleasure.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 135.

[*See page 30.*]

To MORAROW — 7 January 1759

It was a long time since I sent your Vackeel with a Letter and a supply of Money in order that you might send your Army to join ours, but by reason of the Delay in their coming the Enemy have increased their Disturbances to the highest pitch and ventur'd even to besiege the Fort. It is necessary therefore that you order your Troops to come soon that in conjunction with the Reinforcement expected from England and those from Mazulipatam which is taken by our Army, we may fall upon the Enemy and rout them.

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You may order your Troops to join Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn who are encamped with an Army near Changleput in readiness to act in conjunction with you. For other matters I refer you to Antazey Punts Letter.

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[*See page 30.*]

To MAULRAUZE 7 January 1759

As the Enemy have now carried their ambitious Designs to the highest Pitch and ventured even to besiege the Fort, it is a proper time for you to exert yourself in order to gain a good name and to merit the Company's future favor. You should use your endeavours to collect together all the Polygars, inlist a large number of Peons, and employ them in cutting off all stores or Provisions going to the Enemy, disturbing their Camp by night &ca. You should at the same time assist in sending Provisions to the Army under Command of Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn, who will remain within a small Distance from your Pollam untill the Arrival of our Ships with a large Reinforcement of Soldiers, which we expect every day, and then the Enemy will be attack'd with our United Force, and routed. Already they have been dispossess'd from all their Countries to the Northward, and I am advised that Mazulipatam is also taken, and the English and the Rajahs Army Marching to these Parts. Antazee Punt who carries this Letter will acquaint you with further particulars, and with what I would have you undertake against the Enemy.

Regard what he says as my own words and act accordingly; and I on my part shall confirm and approve whatever he may agree to.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 30.*]

To RANGAPA NAIG VERDAPA NAIG &CA POLYGARS 7 January 1759

I have sent Antazee Punt to inform you of the Enemy's Disturbances, and of the Reinforcements we expect daily by our Ships from England and from Mazulipatam after whose arrival we design to make a general attack upon the Enemy and give them a total Rout In the mean time it behoves you to exert yourself in sending provisions to the Army under Usoff Cawn and Captain Preston and preventing any supplies going to the Enemy. If you are diligent and Watchful in the Execution of what I desire of you and of all that Antaza Punt shall recommend, you will thereby merit the Company's favor, & meet with Encauragement & Reward, and whatever Antozee Punt shall promise you on my part I shall entirely approve and confirm.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 138.

[*See page 30.*]

FROM M^r^ LALLY Au Camp ce 7 Jany 1759

M^r^: Hume vient de mourir de ses blessures, [Monsieur ?] ainsi que M^r^: Chace J'ay fait faire [l'inventaire ?] des effects du premier qui Se sont trouves dans un armoire ou Secretaire qu'on luy a envoyé de la ville, Ces effects Consistent en Six cueillers et six fourchers des habits et linge que J'ay chargé le sieur Magregere un de mes aides de camp de conserver pour sa famille.

Il S'y est trouvé d'ailleures S'in Cent trois pagodes en argent et des Diamonds Suivant un inventaire Signé de luy dans la baete pour la Somme de mille quarante Pagodes lesquels derniers articles Suivront le sort de la garnison demadras c'est á dire que Si Je le prend d ' assaut ou si J'y entre par capitulation ils suivront les conditions stipulées dans la capitulation.

Il en est de meme des dix dames que J'ay fait arretter Comme transfuge et qui Se sont sauvés au Sadras avec leur effects.

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M^r^: Pocock ayant violé le premier le droit de gens et de protection de puissance neutre en S'emparant dans le port de Negatpatnam d'un Vaisseau appartenant au Roy mon maitre, Je regardrai d'orénavant Comme de bonne pris tout subjets homme femmes et enfans effect &ca de Sa majesté Britanique qui se Seront [mis ?] Sou la protection du pavillon hollandais, et J'ay deja instruit ma Cour, de la Cognizance qui se trouvent entre les comptoirs hollandais et les subjects de Sa Majesté Britanique.

Je n'ay point besoin de vous rappeller ce qui S'est passé a ce sujet a Chandernargor Je l'ay eprouvé moy meme au Negapatnam et J'avais encore moin besoin de la lettre que J'ay intercepté pour me determiner a prevenir les designs que vous avez sur Sadrass; les deux Compagnies de france & de Angleterre ont voulu S' anéantir l'une & autre en se mellant d'un milieu qui n'est pas fait pour eux, elles Y reusiront. Je vous envoye une quantité de lettres que J'ay reçu des dames qui Sont a Sadrass pour leurs marris et je leur ferai passer vos response Si vous avez le soin de ce Secour.

En attendant que je determine le lieu ou Je ferai passer les d' dames Je leur ay permis de rester cing ou Six Jours au Sadras et si tôt embarquées J' en instuirai les maris par votre Canal.

Oserai je vous prier de dire a Monsier le Cont d' Estaing que J'ay recu plusieurs lettres de Pondicherry Cachettées pour luy, et dans l' incertitude de ce qu'elles contiennent Je nay voulu ni les ouvrir ni vous les envoyer il me suffit de savoir qu'il se porte bien.

J ay l' honnour d'etre tres parfait ment Monsieur votre tres humble & tres obéissant Serviteur.

LALLY.

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To M^R.^ LALLY 8 January 1759

Sir

I have had the honour to receive your Letter of Yesterday and am oblig'd to you for the Care you have ordered to be taken of the Cloaths and Linnen of the deceased Captain Hume and for the Civilities that have been shewn to M^r.^ Morse and the ten English Ladies at Sadras they and their Effects as well as the money found in Captain Humes Scrutore are in your hands and must be subject to your pleasure, however, since you have been pleased to quote the Transactions at Chandenagore, I must beg leave to remind you of M^r.^ Watsons Conduct towards the Inhabitants of that place. I have only to add on this Subject that the pressing Intances [*sic*] of the Husbands & Friends of those Ladies and my own Concern of what regards them induces me to request the favour of you, Sir, to let them, as well as M^r.^ Morse remain at Sadras during the Siege of this place.

After the Seizure of the Dutch Ship Harlem, your resolutions in regard to the protection of the Dutch Flag, and your possessing yourself of Sadras do not surprize me so much as that any intercepted Letter should speak of Design formed by me on that place as no such design ever had being nor has any such Letter ever been wrote by me or to my knowledge, I hope therefore you'll let me have a Copy of that which you mention, but if the Letters of private persons can be taken as Evidence of the Designs of Government, The Extract, which I have the honour to send you herewith, of one which fell into my hands a few days ago will sufficiently shew that your disregard of the Dutch Flag does no [*sic*] take its rise from M^r.^ Pococks Conduct; this however is a point which it does not belong to me to Controvert.

I have communicated to the Count D'Estaing that Paragraph of your Letter which relates to him and he has desired me to convey to you his Answer which is inclosed.

———*APPENDIX No. 139.*———

May I request of you Sir to permit the accompanying Letters for the Ladies at Sadras to be forwarded & to favour their Friends here with a Pasport for a few Baskets of Liquors to be sent them.

I have the Honour to be very perfectly
Sir
Your most obedient and most humᵉ Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

To CAPTAIN PRESTON **N. 140.** 8 January 1759

[*See page 31.*]

Sir

A small Ship having arrived this Morning from Pondicherry with Artillery and Stores, which will enable the Enemy to push the Siege without depending on their Convoys by land, the advantages propos[ed] by your stay at Wendelour no longer subsist and I have come to a Resolution to endeavour to effect a Junction with you & Usoff Cawn which done frequent Atta[cks] & Alarms must intercept the Enemy's Works. Sᵗ. Thomé I think the most proper place for our push to be made, Your motions must be quick that the Enemy [may] not have time to make any Attack upon you before you are near enough to be supported by us. The following is what I propose. March from Wendelour to the Mount on Thursday the 11ᵗʰ. Instant in the Evening; and the very next morn[ing] march from thence by the way of Trivambore to Sᵗ. Thomé, so as to enter it by the sea Side to the Southward, Begin your march so early as to be there by Day Break; A Detachment from hence of 400 Europeans & 1000 Seapoys shall march the same morning and enter Sᵗ. Thomé to the Northward, & shall be there also by Day Break. This seems [to] be the most advantageous Disposition; for as the Enemy hearing of your Arrival at the Mount may perhaps detach as they did before three or four hundred Europeans to attack you there, you by marching by the way of Trivambore will avoid this attack, & our Junction will be form'd between that Party & their Army by which means we may have a Chance of cutting them off. Our Communication open, I can supply your whole Army with Provisions for a few days if necessary & during that time if we can mantain [*sic*] our Post at Sᵗ. Thomé & keep open the Road to Changleput, Supplies may be comming in from the Country.

By the last Accounts the Enemy's force at Sᵗ. Thomé is but small if I should learn any thing to the Contrary I will immediatly advise you.

Return me an Answer immediatly by the same hand, with your oppinion of this Plan.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

To USOFF CAWN **N. 141.** 8ᵗʰ January 1759

[*See page 31.*]

This Morning a French Ship arrived from Pondicherry and as I have reason to beleive has brought the Enemy not only a good store of Artillery and Ammunition but of provisions also this will render the Scheme We had concerted for your spreading your Army round so as to cut of [*sic*] their supply less usefull than it would otherwise have been, it is necessary therefore to fall upon some other Plan that may now immediatly distress them and I think nothing can be more effectual as the opening a Communication and joining your Force to ours. We may then act the more vigorously in conjunction and by continually allarming and Harrassing the Enemy oblige them to abandon their Enterprize, We shall be able for a short time after the Junction is made to supply your Army with provisions from hence and if we should be able (as I doubt not we shall) to keep the Country open to Changleput supplys may be had from that Quarter.

———*APPENDIX No. 141.*———

As the Enemy plainly see the bad consequences that would attend them should you join us they will undoubtedly if the [*sic*] have timely notice endeavour to prevent it by making a large Detachment from their Army to oppose you as they did before, to prevent which it is necessary that the plan be carried into execution, after it is once begun, with rapidity and the Method I propose is that you March with your whole Force from Wendelour on Thursday next the 11th. Instant so as to arrive at the Mount in the Evening, stay there some hours to refresh your people and then march directly to St. Thomé by the way of Trivambore on the sea side so as to arrive there by day break on Friday Morning the 12th. Instant. I will at the same time detach from this Garrison a body of 400 Europeans and 1000 Seapoys to oppose any Force the Enemy may have at St. Thomé, and with this push thro' them & join you, this done our United Force will undoubtedly be more than sufficient to repel any Detachment the Enemy may make to prevent our Return into this Garrison, what Measures will then be proper to take may be best concerted according to Circumstances, If you think this plan of Action can be executed in this Manner return this Hircar directly with your Answer, you may depend on a Vigorous push from hence to Support you.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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General Weekly Return of the Strength of the Garrison of Fort St. George January 8th 1759.

	Officers.																				Doing Duty.																		Sick and Wounded in the Hospital.												Additional Gunrs & Matrosses.	Camp Colour Men.	Artificers.	Total.	Casualties.				
	Lieut. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Captn. Lieutinant.	Lieutinants.	Second Lieutinants.	Ensigns.	Lieut. Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeon.	Staff. Adjutants.	Staff. Qr. Masters.	Staff. Chaplins.	Staff. Surgeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volunteers.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topazes.	Centinels. Coffries.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topazes.	Centinels. Coffries.	Bombardiers.	Gunrers.	Matrosses.				Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Deceased.	Discharged.	Entertained.	Received.	Removed.
Troop of Horse	..	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	2	1	1	30	..	..	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	4	5	2	...	..	...	...	12	32	64	..	...	1	...	...	..	..	1	5	5	...	...	...	131	1	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	3	1	1	...	..	..	...	1	13	43	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	1	1	1	...	...	...	65	3	...	...	2	...
His Majestys 64th Regiment	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	..	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	..	...	...	7	..	5	..	138	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	169	2	...	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	3	2	...	..	68	...	..	..	..	...	..	2	..	22	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	97	..	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys first Battalion	...	1	7	...	...	...	5	..	12	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	.	.	.	...	39	39	26	...	365	34	...	...	.	...	3	4	..	44	1	..	..	...	...	14	6	6	581	2	...	11	...	...
Ditto second Ditto	...	...	6	...	...	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	..	...	38	41	22	..	206	27	74	...	...	...	3	2	1	31	..	5	...	..	...	11	4	10	475	4	1	2	5	6
Invalids and Pensioners	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	4	2	..	.	38	21	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	..	...	28		...	...	3	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	2
Total ...	2	2	19	1	1	2	21	2	23	3	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	2	...	126	92	57	1	848	82	80	14	46	107	6	9	2	116	1	5	2	6	6	25	10	16	1,657	12	1	13	7	8

Casualties

The Honble Companys Artillery

Deceased—Captn. Lieutinant—1

No Casualties in the Invalids that is come to our Knowledge.

General Weekly Return of the Seapoys in Fort St. George.

January the 8, 1759	Jammadars of Horse.	Blackmen of Horse.	Commodants. [Vic]	Subbedars.	Jamidars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colour Men.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeters.	Seapoys.	Total.	Casualties. Deceased.	Deserted.	Entertained.	Removed.
First & Second Battalion ...	...	...	2	32	130	227	179	51	42	16	1,510	2,189	3	22	4	4

Robt. Bannatyne,
T. Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 9TH OF JANUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

				Remains the 2d	Expenced from the 2d to the Inclusive.	Remains the 9th January 1759
Firewood	... ...	N.		1,525,203	92,141	1,433,062
Rice	... ...	Garce.		91-79	7-327	83-152
Pease	... ...	Ditto.		1-179	...	1-179
Doll	... ...	Ditto.		3-365	...	3-365
Gram	... ...	Ditto.		13-334	0-177	13-157
Biscuit	... Kings	lb.		16,000	,,	16,000
	Companys	lb.		14,020	457	13,563
Candles	... ...	N.		9,005	255	8,750
Wheat	... Kings	Garce.		6½	,,	6½
	Companys	Ditto.		9-246	,,	9-246
Paddy	... ...	Ditto.		30-144-7	1-45-4	29-99-3
Salt Fish	... ...	N.		23,719	5982	17,737
Ghee	... ...	Candy.		35-5-5-31½	3-7-3-17½	31-6-2-14
Sugar	... ...	Ditto.		47-14-12	7-11-15	40-2-22
Arrack	... Kings	...Gallons.		22,000	,,	22,000
	Companys	Ditto.		71,52½	822½	6,330
Live Cattle	... ...	N.		280	256	24
Live Sheep	... ...	N.		209	209	...
Salt Beef	... Kings & Company	lb.		...	...	...
Salt Pork	... Kings	lb.		116,652	...	...
Suit [*sic*]	... Ditto	lb.		18,199	...	...
Salt	... ...	Garce.		9-359-3[2]	0-133-1	9-226-1
Pepper	... ...	Candy.		7-6-1-8	0-4-17-8	7-1-9-0
Chilly	... ...	Ditto.		21-7-14-11	0-3-17-12	21-3-21-15
Tamarind	... ...	Candy.		67-8-8-6	2-14-0-0	64-14-8-6
Turmerick	... ...	Ditto.		3-12-14-4	0-1-8-4	3-11-6-0
Cummin seed	... ...	Ditto.		5-19-18-8	0-1-1-4	5-18-17-4
Tobacco	... ...	Ditto.		27-4-11-14	2-10-6-4	24-14-5-10
Beetle Nutt	... ...	Ditto.		13-5-13-11	0-19-23-0	12-5-15-11
Finegreck	... ...	Ditto.		2-3-17-12	0-0-8-12	2-3-9-0
Leaves for Plates	... ...	N.		121,639	34,358	87,28[1]
Lamp Oil	... ...	Measrs.		2869⅛	627⅛	2241⅛
Gingely Oil	... ...	Ditto.		[?]646⅛	197⅛	447½
Mustard Seed Oil	... ...	Ditto.		1,300	...	1,300
Earthen Pots, Tresauls, Mallys, Jarrs Lamps & Guglets		N.		14,984	432	14,552
Baskets of Sorts	... ...	N.		12,511	194	12,317
Matts large and small	... ...	N.		4,940	421	4,519
Well Ropes	... ...	N.		3,683	8	3,675
Straw	... ...	Stacks.		1½	1	½

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 2D TO THE 9TH JANUARY 1759.

—	Remains the 2d Jannary 1759	Receipt Since	Issues Since	Remains the 9th January 1759
Gun Powder—*Europe*, Barrels contg. 100 lb each	572		36	536
Country Computing it at 100 lb ℔ Barrell.	1683-20 lb.		160-20 lb.	1,523
	2,255-20 lb.	...	196-20 lb	2,059
Gheria Chests	247	...	12	235
Shott—Round 24 Pounders	12,611	...	691	11,920
18 ditto	9,073	...	320	8,753
12 ditto	5,321	...	264	5,057
9 ditto	9,821	...	522	9,299
Grape 12 ditto	381	...	1	380
Lead—Musquet	824,666	...	151,000	673,666
Mortar Shells—13 Inch	740	...	169	571
10 ditto	1,401	...	190	1,211
8 ditto	1,067	...	190	877
5⅕ ditto or Royals	975	...	269	706
4⅘ ditto or Cohorns	2,351	...	404	1,947
Gunners Stores—Linstocks	18	...	2	16
Portfires	3,046	...	12	6,034
Tubes	2,858	...	72	2,786
Match—Country Skains	3,128	...	52	3,076
Europe Ditto	136	...	2	134
Firelocks—Bajonet Pieces New	1,802	...	23	1,779
Repaired	220	8	1	227
Musquets New without Bajonets	112	12	1	123
Repaired without ditto	298	3	1	300
Pistols with Ribs prs.	306	2	...	308
without Ribs do.	19½	...	2	17½
Small Arms—Brass Hangers	110	...	1	109
Bajonets	324	1	...	325
Brass swords	229	1	1	229
Halberts	42	1	2	41
Armoury Stores—Flints	481,639	...	162	481,477
Bajonet Belts	342	...	142	200
Cartridge Paper ..Bengall Qurs.	9,860	...	500	9,360
Buff Sword Belts	547	...	15	532
Armoury Petty Stores—				
Gun Rammers Musquet Europe.	90	...	20	70
Necessaries for the Gun Room—				
Muscovy Lights	1	...	1	...
General Stores—Gunney Sand Bags	14,500	...	5,695	8,805
Knap Sacks	350	...	11	339

N B—All other Articles of Military Stores remaining in the Garrison are the same as mentioned in the General and Weekly Returns already delivered in.

Fort St. George 9th: January 1759

CHAS BOURCHIER,

Mility Storekr.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 2D. JANUARY TO THE 8TH INCLUSIVE.

	Europeans								Seapoys							
	Sick				Wounded				Sick				Wounded			
Days	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged
2d	65	...	...	...	51	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...
3d	65	...	...	...	49	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	1	...	...
4	65	...	...	1	49	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	28	1	...	...
5	64	...	...	...	49	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...
6	64	1	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...
7	65	3	...	...	48	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	1	...	...
8	68	...	...	...	47	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...

ROBT. TURING,
Surgeon.

N. 146.

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LIST OF FRENCH DESERTERS COME IN FROM 19 DECEMR. 1758 TO 8 JANUARY 1759 BOTH INCLUSIVE.

Nation	Names	Regimt. they belong to	To wh. Co. Given	When arrived
German ...	Sert. John Bilmayu ...	Fischers ...	Col. Draper ...	20 Decr.
French ...	Granaas Fras. Dumas ...	Lallys ...	Captn. Monchanin...	29 Decr.
Ditto ...	Can. Andu. Guinard ...	Batt: d' Inde ...	ditto ...	30 ditto 2 P.M.
French ...	Grenr. Armont Fard. ...	Batt: d'Inde ...	ditto ...	30 ditto 9 P.M.
German ...	Huzar I Ph. Phillibert ...	Fiscers Huzars ...	not disposed of ...	31 ditto 10 A.M.
German ...	Henry Broccard ... / Christian Bross ...	Lallys ...	.....	31 ditto 10 A.M.
French ...	Piere Guersenin ...	Batt: d'Inde ...	.....	1 January 8 P.M.
ditto ...	Louis Chitolin ...	ditto ...	Monchanins ...	2 January 4 P.M.
ditto ...	Bennet Delan ...	ditto ...	Ditto ...	2 January.
ditto ...	Augustus Ph Juste ...	ditto ...	ditto ...	2 January.
ditto ...	Louis Francois ...	ditto ...	ditto ...	2 January.
ditto ...	Francis Lamotte ...	ditto ...	ditto ..	2 January.
ditto ...	Joseph Mignion ...	ditto ..	ditto ...	3 January.
ditto. ...	Joseph Tene ...	ditto ...	ditto ...	4 January.
ditto ...	Silvain Sain ...	Drummer do. ...	ditto ...	5 January.
ditto ...	Harry Le Breton ...	Canonr ditto ...	ditto ...	6 January.

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[*See page 35.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated the 5th & received January 10th 1759

I had the honour to receive your kind Letter in Answer to that of mine advising me and Captain Preston to observe the situation of the place we may encamp at, to be careful and endeavour to stop the provisions &ca of the Enemy. Yesterday I addressed a Letter to you by Shaick Esmail which and the verbal Account which may be given by him will explain the matter fully to you.

I must inform your honour that at first I received Pagodas 10,000 from you and on the same day I also received another Sum of 10,000 for all which I returned Answers to you by the Boats which I suppose did not come to your hand. I and Captain Preston march'd from Wendalore and arrived at Singapermalls Covils [*sic*], not far from it, this we did to collect or call together all necessarys Bag and Baggage after which we shall enter into a proper resolution, and then wherever we may march I shall advise you. It is talked that a large Quantity of provisions, ammunition &ca of the Enemys lay in Conjiveram and that Kazally Cawn Son to Chendu Saib with a Body of Troops arrived in the French Army.

N. 148.

[*See page 36.*]

DETAIL OF THE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS & PRIVATE ON DUTY ON THE SEVERAL POST OF THE GARRISON FORT ST. GEORGE 11 JANUARY 1759.

Fronts	Different Bastions	Non Commisd.	Private.	Non Commisd.	Private.
North Front ..	Mint Bastion	...	...		
	Royal Ditto	1	16		
	Demi Ditto	1	12		
	Nort [*sic*] Ravalin	1	10		
				3	38
East Front ...	North East Bastion	1	10		
	Sea Gate (Pickett in waiting) ...	...	...		
	Palmeira	...	1		
	Fascine Battery	1	4		
	St. Thomas Bastion	..	1		
				2	16
West Front ...	Lawrence Bastion	1	1		
	Pigots Ditto	1	4		
	So. West Ravalin	..	...		
	West Ravalin	1	4		
	North West ditto	1	4		
				4	13
South Front...	Cistern Bastion	...	...		
	Nabobs ditto	1	2		
	Demi Counter Guard		4		
	South Ravalin	...	1	1	7
	Total ...	...	...	10	74
	Guard and Orderly	1	7		
	Attending the Quartermaster ...	1	4		
	Employed in the Artillery Park ..	2	4		
	Employed in the Laboritory	3	13		
	Surgeons Assistant	...	1		
	Sick & Wounded	5	17		
	Serjeant Majors and 2 Orderlys ...	2	2	14	48
	Total ...	...	...	24	122
	Total in Garrison	28	192		
	Employed Sick & Wounded &ca. ...	24			
	Remains ...	4			

N B—One Gunner & 1 Matross of the above Remainder Prisoners in the Main Guard.

ALEXZ. INNIZ,
Adjut.

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[*See page 38.*]

To M^{r} LALLY

12th January 1759

Sir

The Chevalier de Mileterny is wounded and brought in Prisoner to the Fort. He is extremly desirous of going out upon his Parole, that he may be under the Care of your Surgeons to which I have no objection, & if it be agreable to you I will furnish him with a Palankeen, as soon as I have the honour to receive your Answer.

I have the honor to be very perfectly
Sir
Your most Obed^{t} & most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 150.

[*See page 38.*]

FROM M^{r} LALLY

Au Camp ce 12th Janv^{y} 1759

Je vous Suis fort obligé Monsieur du Soin que vous aves fait prendre du Chevalier de Militirney et de la permission que vous luy donnés de venir se fair traiter ici.

Vos Dames retinues a Sadras demandent quelque hardes en Supplement des provisions de bouche que vous aves permis qu'on leur envoyat vous pouves donner vos ordres pour que le tout leur Soit envoyé et il ne leur sera causé aucun empechment.

J'ay L'honneur d'etre tres parfaitement
Monsieur tres humble & tres obeissant Serviteur
LALLY

N. 151.

[*See page 38.*]

FROM CAPTAIN WEDDERBURN
TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}

Ship Thames in Puliacat Road
10 Jan 1759

Sir

I take the Liberty to inform you that I anchored this Evening in Puliacat Road, and received a Chit by Cattamaran from M^{r} Brooke, and soon after he came on board himself and shewed a Letter from M^{r} Vansittart of the 8th Instant to him containing Instructions for Ships to Anchor at Madras: considering the defenceless state of our Ship not having above Six Europeans in all and thirty Short of the Complement of Lascars, I look upon it impossible for us to lay there, as it will be always in the power of the French Ships to drive us ashore, or oblige us to cut, by anchoring on the offside of us, by which means they will be skreen'd from the fire of the Fort and as I do not find that you are in immediate want of provisions, M^{r} Brooke is of opinion as well as myself, that our proceeding to Massulipatam to join the Hardwick and any other Ships we may meet with from Bengal or elsewhere; to embark Colonel Forde with his Detachment for the releif of your Garrison, which I look upon can be accomplished in 10 or 12 Days at farthest, and may be of the Utmost consequence to the Honble Company's Affairs, therefore shall proceed thence with the utmost expedition. On my return should I appear in the day time in the Offing, I will make the former Signals, if in the night those of M^{r} VanSittarts Letter of Instructions. I remain with due Respect

Sir
Your most Obed^{t} hum^{e} Servant
H: WEDDERBURN.

——*APPENDIX No. 152.*——

N. 152.

[*See page 39.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON. 12th. January 1759

Sir

Not having received your Answer to the Letter I wrote you the 8 containing a plan for a joint Attack upon the Enemy I am unaquainted with your Oppinion and Intention concerning it. As soon as I know your resolution the Troops from the Garrison shall be ready to support the Attack This morning a Sally was made upon a Party of the Enemy to the Southwd. They brought in two Guns an Officer and four Men and kill'd and wounded about twenty more. The Enemy keep a warm fire upon the Fort from twenty one Guns and Six Mortars; Our Works however have not yet received any considerable Damage and our Loss of Men is trifling.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Sevant [*sic*]
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 153.

[*See page 39.*]

To USOFF CAWN 12th. January 1759

I wrote to you the 8th. by the hands of Shaik Ismail proposing a Scheme for attacking the Enemy jointly but have not yet recei'd your Answer. This morning a Detachment from the Fort made a sally upon a Party of the Enemy to the Southward, brought in an Officer and four Men and kill'd and wounded about twenty more They also took two Guns and brought them in. The Enemy have now twenty-one Guns and Six Mortars firing against the Fort, but have done no considerable Damage to the works and killed very few of our People. As soon as I receive your Answer to my Letter of the 8th. with your Oppinion of the Attack I proposed the Troops from the Garrison shall be ready to support it.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 154.

[*See page 41.*]

I the under Written Prisoner of War to his Brittanick Majesty having obtain'd Permission of Mr. Pigot Governour of Fort St. George to remove to Pondicherry, do give my Parole of honor, that I will not serve against the English Nation or their Allies, either directly or indirectly during the present War, or untill I am regularly exchanged, and promise to Surrender myself whenever I shall be thereunto required.

Fort St. George the 13 January 1759

Je Sousigne Prisonier de Guerre de S: M: Britanique, ayant obtenu Permission de M. Pigot Gouverneur de Fort St. George d' aller à Pondicherry donne ma Parôle d' honneur que Je ne servirai pas ny directiment ny indirectiment, contre la Nation Angloise ou leurs Alliés pendant la Guerre presente, a moins Que je ne sois regulierement echangé et promis, de me rendre quand Je Serai rapellé.

Fort St. George le 13th. Janvier 1759

LE CH'IER MILITERNY.

——*APPENDIX No. 155.*——

N. 155.

[*See page 41.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Suncah Rammah's Choultry Jan^{y}· 10th: 1759

Honble Sir

I wrote you in my last of our being obliged to make a Motion this way as the only means to encourage our Horse to abide by us. I was in Hopes that after giving them an Opportunity of plundering about Conjeveram, they would be prevailed on to attend us to Vendalour. I even promised to detain them that way but a Week more and then to assist them in every means of procuring them Gram for their Horses. They seemed with this to be a little satisfied. But upon our moving this Afternoon towards Triparmadore, they every Man of 'em abandoned us. We soon turned back again, in Hopes that they 'd do so likewise. But not one of 'em have we seen since I have wrote to the Officer at Changleput to endeavour to stop them; and humbly think it for the good of the service to join immediatly in a manner of Usoffs Cawn's for raising others that will be of more service to us.

I am
Honble Sir
Your most humble Servant,
ACHILLES PRESTON.

N. 156.

[*See page 41.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Received the 13th January 1759

This day being the 9th: Instant a Petta belonging to Conjeveram was set fire and the supplies of the Enemy which were without the Fort there plundered and I marched from hence with a Design to go to Wandalore and arrived accordingly with the Army near Panamodore but in the Interim the Tanjour Troops and those from Tonduman who were coming behind having concerted together were gone back for which reason I returned with the Army and having arrived at Sunca Rama's Choultry sent people to entreat and bring them again, but it appears to me that they did not stop any where, on the contrary ran away to a great distance of which I thought fit to advise you.

N. 157.

[*See page 42.*]

FROM ADMIRAL POCOCK
TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}· — Yarmouth in Bombay Harbour 3 December 1758

Dear Sir

I am glad to acquaint you that I arrived here with the Squadron under my Command the 25th of last Month and found the Grafton and Sunderland and six of the Company's Ships in the Harbour with Major Monson and the Kings Troops on board: They got in the 14th but I had much rather they had been at Madras, however we must do the best to get them round, for which purpose I intend they shall sail in a few days under the Convoy of Three Frigates and hope they will be with you in about a Months passage, and enable you to obstruct M^{r}· Lally in his Designs.

The time we shall be ready to sail for the Coromandel Coast is uncertain, as a great deal of work is to be done to the Ships and some must be Careened, as the Dock is not ready to take in the large Ships.

I shall be very Anxious to get round for many reasons which needs no explanation to you, May good success attend all your proceedings; and believe that I am very truly

D Sir
Your most Obed^{t}: & most
humble Servant
G. POCOCK.

——*APPENDIX No. 158.*——

N. 158.

[*See page 42.*]

Bombay Castle
2ª December 1758

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^R^
President & Governour &ca. Members of the Select Committee
At Fort S^t^ George

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

By his Majestys Squadron under the Command of Admiral Pocock, which arrived here the 25th Ultimo we had the pleasur to receive your favours of the 19th September and 10th October.

We inclose your Honour &ca Duplicate of our last address advising the arrival of the Ships bound for your Coast and China and the Admiral we hear intends sending the Grafton and Sunderland to convoy the Tilbury, Britannia, Winchelsea, and Prince of Wales, with the Forces on board them to arrive on the Coast as early as possible, but to detain the Rhoda and Shaftesbury, as they have gone so bad during the whole passage from England as to impede the rest very much, but we are not certain when they will be able to sail.

We are glad to find the Select Committee at Fort William have sent Colonel Forde to attack Metchlepatam as we hope he will meet with success and that it may check the Enemy's progress in the province of Arcot.

We are
Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
R^D^ Bourchier.
Brabazon Ellis.
J : Spencer.
Sam : Hough.

N. 159.

[*See page 42.*]

From Colonel Forde to M^R^ Andrews 7 December 1758

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that I engaged the French this Morning at Ten of the Clock and that I have gained a compleat Victory. I cannot inform you of the particulars exactly of the slain, As I pursued them 3 Miles over the field of Battle to their Tents which I am now in possession of. We have six Officers prisoners, and Fifty Men, And at least twenty five pieces of Cannon, and hope in 3 or 4 Days more to give a better account of them, as I intend to pursue them with all Diligence to Rajahmundry or wherever they go. If the Rajah and his People had not behaved so dastardly as they did there would not have a single Man escaped. Please to send Copys of this to Madras and Bengal as I am so much fatigued that I cannot possible write any more at present. In a few days time I shall write more fully.

I am
Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Francis Forde.

Captain Adnull [*sic*] is Killed
Captain Donnellan, Lieutenant Wick,
Moran, and M^r^ Johnson Wounded
M^r^ M^c^: Guire received a Contusion on his breast by a Musket Ball
Send away Captains Wedderburn & Lewis immediatly.
Copy

APPENDIX No. 160.

N. 160.

[*See page 42.*]

COLONEL FORDE TO M^R ANDREWS Rajahmundrum 11^th Dec^r 1758

Dear Sir

This Moment I received you [*sic*] favour of the 6^th and am much obliged to you for the care you have taken in my Affairs, for which I shall always retain a grateful Remembrance.

The Action of the 7^th: has been attended with as much Success as our most sanguine Friends could have expected; Yesterday at day break, my Seapoys got to the River side, just time enough to seize all the Bullocks, fifteen Europeans, and a great Quantity of Publick as well as private Stores. A Boat load of Men had just put off, and our people fired at them for half an Hour, and must certainly have killed numbers of them; upon our firing they abandon'd 4 Guns and a 13 Inch Mortar they had got at the other side of the River, so that they have not saved either Gun, Mortar, or Ammunition belonging to their whole Army, by all accounts there have not more than One hundred and fifty French pass'd the River. their Army consisted of five hundred Europeans, the day of the Battle & five thousand Seapoys with Europe Arms, besides horse & Country Troops; And Ours about four hundred and thirty Europeans Officers included and eighteen hundred Seapoys besides the Rajahs people. The Rajah himself is the greatest Paltroon I ever saw, and the greatest fool also neither he nor one of his people (except Bristow alone) stood about five Minutes after the Cannonading began; they got into a large Tank in our Rear, but when they saw us pursuing the French, and that we had beat them away from their Guns, they began to venture out, but all I could say or do, not one of their Horse or foot would pursue the Enemy, one foot faster than we advanced; if they had not been worse than Cooleys, we must have taken every man of the French Army. He would not march with us the next day, but staid to bury his dead. And I have not seen him nor any of his people since; He is near Peddapore and writes me word that he must wait there till Narrader Row comes to pay him homage otherwise he must fight him.

If Samson is not yet gone order him away immediatly with or without the Sloops, and turn M^r. Hilliard out of his Sloop & put in the person you mention in your Letter

I am
Dear Sir
Your most Obed^t hu[mble] Ser[vant]
FRANCIS FORDE.

N. 161.

[*See page 43.*]

TO CAPTAIN PRESTON 14 January 1759

Sir

Late last night I received your Letter of the 10^th. As you do not mention the Receipt of what I wrote you the 8^th: I immagine the Hircar has been taken or stopp'd The Desertion of the Tondaman's and the Tanjour Horse might indeed have rendered you less capable of executing the Plan therein proposed. I long ago directed Usoff Cawn to enlist as many good Horse as he could meet with, I now write to him again to the same purpose, and desire you will give him all the assistance in your power. With or without Horse I hope as this is the time of cutting the Grain that you will be able to get provisions for your Army, and take some good Post as near to us as possible. If it be attended with no other advantage, but that of drawing off a Part of the Enemys attention, and their Troops, it is no inconsiderable one, and it may possibly be of more important Service as I shall endeavour to find an Opportunity of attacking them jointly.

on the Assistance of any who are not in the Company's Service and I should therefore be very glad if you could find a Method of inlisting a Body of good Horse as I before desired. As this is the time of cutting the grain in the Country I hope you will have no difficulty in laying in a Stock of provisions for your Army; which done, the nearer you move to us the better as it draws off the Enemy's attention from the Siege and obliges them to make Detachments from their Army. This is a great advantage, besides which if your Army is near, an Opportunity may be taken of attacking them *jointly* and as the Enemy have brought their Stores by Ships your Remaining further off with a view of intercepting Convoys cannot be of the Service it before was.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 163.

[*See page 45.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Chennapah Choultry

Hoñble Sir — 11th Jany 1759

Last night the Tanjour Horse returned to us; and as we are now within a Days march of a Place that will supply them with all they want, I hope this Trip will prove but very little out of our way.

I last night received your Letter of the 7th. Maulrauze and the other Poligars we have wrote to twice: They seem to promise fair; & I hope will be of great service to us.

I am
Hoñble Sir
Your most humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

N. 164.

[*See page 45.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Received 16 January 1759

I had the Honour to receive your Letter dated the 7th. Instant on the 10th. As the Enemy's supplies were gathered at Conjevaram I arrived at the Choultry of Sancarpareck on this side of the said place and Detached Yesterday a Party of Seapoys &ca to commit hostilities and they accordingly went and seized some Liquor &ca and they were also Detached this Day upon the same Business & if I receive any further advice of the Enemy [*sic*] supplies in any town round this place, it shall be my endeavours to go and seize them. I shall in a short time return to your parts. I lately advised you of flight of the Tanjour and Tondemans Troops but I must now inform you that last night they returned again to the Army.

N. 165.

[*See page 45.*]

General Weekly Return of the Strength of the Garrison of Fort St. George January the 15 1759.

	Officers.																	Doing Duty.								Sick and Wounded.														Total.	Casualties.					
	Lieut. Colonels	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Captain Lieutinants.	Lieutinants.	Second Lieutinants.	Ensigns.	Lieut Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeons.	Staff. Adjutants.	Staff. Quarter Masters.	Staff. Chaplain.	Staff. Surjeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volunteers.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topasses.	Centinels. Coffries.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topasses.	Centinels. Coffries.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Additional Guns & Matross.	Pioneers.	Artificers.	Camp Colour men.	Invalids.	Non-Commissioned officers & Soldiers.	Deceased & Killed.	Diserted.	Entertained.	Prefered.	Received.	Removed.	Discharged.
The Troop of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	4	3	2	...	...	...	12	32	55	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	5	13	...	...	...	...	...	130	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Companys ditto	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	12	39	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	64	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
His Majeitys 64 Regiment	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	5	...	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Detachment of Marines	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys 1st Battalion	...	1	7	...	...	...	5	...	12	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	40	26	...	315	34	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	47	1	...	...	...	13	41	9	7	...	576	5	2	1	...	...	...	...
Ditto 2d ditto	...	6	...	...	...	7	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	40	41	22	...	175	26	5	9	...	...	1	1	1	43	2	6	...	...	15	28	8	4	2	471	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
Invalids & Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	19	1	1	3	19	3	22	6	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	120	90	57	1	715	60	59	14	44	94	6	5	3	139	3	6	2	6	17	28	76	17	11	2	1,575	9	2	1	1	1	1	...

Casualties.

The Honble Companys Artillery.

Preferred.

Adjutant 1

Captain Lieutinant ... 1

Second Lieutenant ... 1

N.B. No Return given in of the Invalids & Pensionners.

Return of Seapoys in the Garrison of Fort St. George Jany. 15 1759.

	Commandants.	Subidars.	Jamidars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colour Men.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeter.	Seapoys.	Total.	Casualities. Deceased.	Casualities. Diserted.
First & Second Battalion	2	32	126	220	172	46	32	12	1,340	1,982	2	205

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 15 JANUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remans the 9th	Expended from the 9th to ye 15.	Remains the 15 Jany [1759.]
Firewood	N.	1,433,062	83,142	1,349,920
Rice	Garce.	82-152	6-382	76- 170
Peas	Ditto.	1-179	...	1-179
Doll	Ditto.	3-365	...	3-365
Gram	Ditto.	13-157	0-190	12-367
Biscuit ... ... Kings	lb.	16,000	...	16,000
Companys	lb.	13,563	lb. 258	13,305
Candles	N.	8,750	[?] 767	7,985
Wheat ... ... Kings	Garce.	6½	...	6½
Companys	Ditto.	9-246	...	9-246
Paddy	Ditto.	29-99-3	0-227-0	28-272-3
Salt Fish	N.	17,737	4,726	13,011
Ghee	Candy.	31-6-2-14	1-10-7-3	29-15-3-11
Sugar	Ditto.	40-2-22	1-12-16	38-10-6
Arrack ... ... Kings	Galls.	22,000	...	22,000
Companys	Ditto.	6,330	819½	5,510½
Live Cattle	N.	24		
Colected since the last Return.	...	100		
Live Sheep	N.	124	65	59
Salt Beef ... ... Kings & Companys ...	lb.	...	...	...
Salt Pork ... ... Kings	lb.	...	...	...
Suet ... ... ditto	...	...	...	...
Salt	Garce.	9-226-1	Mes. 98-5	9-127-4
Pepper	Candy.	7-1-9-0	1-13-12	6-19-20-[4]
Chilley	Ditto.	21-3-21-15	0-1-23-12	21-1-23-[3]
Tammarind	Ditto.	64-14-8-6	1-15-16-8	62-18-16-[14]
Turmerick	Ditto.	3-11-6-0	0-0-15-12	3-10-15-4
Cummin Seed	Ditto.	5-18-17-4	0-0-10-12	5-18-6-[10]
Tobacco	Ditto.	24-14-5-10	1-14-2-0	23-0-3-[10]
Beetle Nut	Ditto.	12-5-15-11	0-13-8-0	11-12-7-[11]
Finegreck	Ditto.	2-3-9-0	0-0-3-12	2-3-5-[4]
Leaves . . ... / by Tale	...	87,281	[?]2,284	64,397
Lamp Oil	Measrs.	2,241⅞	360⅛	1,881⅞
Gingely Oil	Ditto.	447⅛	14⅞	432⅛
Mustard Seed-Oil	Ditto.	1,300	...	1,300
Earthen Pots, Tresauls, Mallys, Jarrs, Lamps & Guglets.	N.	14,552	374	14,178
Baskets of Sorts	N.	12,317	628	11,689
Matts, large & Small	N.	4,519	...	4,519
Well Ropes	Ditto.	3,675	...	3,675
Straw	Stacks.	½	½	...

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 9TH TO THE 16TH JANUARY 1759.

			Remains the 9th Jany. 1759	Receipts since	Issues Since	Remains the 16 Jany. 1759
Gunpowder	Europe Barrels Coñtg.	lb. 100 Each.	536	French. 50	66	520
	Country do. do.	100 ditto	1,523	...	lb. 192-60	lb. 1240-40
	Ditto Chests do.	100 ditto			130	[1200 40]
			2,059	50	lb. 388-60	lb. 1720-40
Shott	Gheria ditto		235	...	9	226
	Round 24 Pounders		11,920	...	1,394	10,526
	„ 18 ditto		8,753	...	788	7,965
	„ 12 ditto		5,057	...	936	4,121
	„ 9 ditto		9,299	...	767	8,532
	„ 6 ditto		7,575	...	142	7,433
	Grape 24		865	...	33	832
	„ 18		495	...	9	486
	„ 12		380	...	136	244
	„ 9		254	...	1	253
Mortar Shells	13 Inch.		571	...	77	494
	10 ditto.		1,211	...	146	1,065
	8 ditto.		877	...	149	728
	5½ Ditto or Royals		706	..	292	414
	4⅖ Ditto or Cohorns		1,947	...	365	1,582
Gunners Stores	Powder Horns		189	...	1	188
	Tann'd Hides		17	...	2	15
	Tubes 12 Prs.		2,786	...	94	2,692
	Copper Powder Measures		15	...	13	2
Match	Country	Skains.	3,076	...	70	3,006
	Europe	ditto	134	...	2	132
Gunners Utensils	Priming Irons		259	...	1	258
Firelocks	Fuzees with Bajonet		42	...	1	41
	Bajonet Pieces	New.	1,779	...	22	1,757
	Ditto.	Repaired.	227	11	1	237
	Pistols with Ribbs	prs.	308	...	1	307
	Carbines		82	1	1	82
	Musquets without Bajonets	new.	123	...	13	110
	Do. do. do.	Repaired.	308	14	1	321
Small Arms	Bajonets		325	...	2	323
	Brass Swords		229	...	12	217
	Halberts		41	...	6	35
Armoury Stores	Flints		481,477	...	1,628	479,849
	Bajonet Belts		200	...	5	195
	Cartridge Paper	Bengall Qrs.	9,360	...	500	8,860
	Cartridge Boxes	Europe.	151	...	9	142
		Country.	385	...	216	169
	Buff Sword Belts		532	...	5	527
Armoury Petty Stores.	Gun Rammers	Europe.	70	...	70	...
		Country.	630	..	157	473
	Hammers		386	...	10	376
	Pickers		312	...	212	100
	Worms		1,342	...	210	1,132
Necessaries for the Gunroom.	Melting Ladles		17	...	1	16
	Horn Lanthorns		2	2	4	...
Drums & Appurtenances.	Heads	Europe.	288	...	12	276
		Country.	...	...	...	...
	Cords		190	...	6	184
General Stores	Hand Spikes		646	...	26	620
	Gunney Sand Bags		8,805	...	7,862	943
	Brass Shott Gauges	Setts.	6	...	1	5
	Tarpaulins large		16	...	2	14
	Spirits of Wine	Galls.	114¾	...	8	106¾

N.B. All other Articles of Military Stores Remaining in the Garrison are the same as mentioned in the General Return of the 12 December & other Weekly Returns since delivered in.

Fort St. George 16 January 1759.

CHAS BOURCHIER
Mility Storeke [eper.]

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST GEORGE FROM 9TH TO THE 15TH JANUARY 1759 BOTH DAYS INCLUDED.

	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
Days.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
9	68	3	...	1	46	1	2	..	...	..	...	...	30	1	...	...
10	70	1	...	...	45	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	31	..	...	...
11	71	3	...	...	46	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	2	...
12	74	...	...	...	56	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	29	3	...	..
13	74	...	...	..	57	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	32	7	2	...
14	74	...	...	2	55	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...
15	72	...	...	...	56	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	37	...	1	...

ROBT TURIN [*sic*]
Surgeon.

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TO THE COMMANDER OF ANY COMPANY'S SHIP
OR OTHER HAVING ENGLISH TROOPS ON BOARD

Sir

You will be inform'd by Mr. Brooke, Resident at Pulicat that Madras has been invested by the Enemy above a Month and that they have four Ships lying off the Road. One the Harlem an old Dutch Indiaman, one the Bristol a Privateer of 26 Guns taken last War from the English, one a Frigate of 24 Guns, and the other a Country Ship. The last has no Guns nor Europeans. The two first are said also to be very ill mann'd, and in bad condition: And as it is of the utmost Consequence that the Troops you have on board be joined to our Garrison, We write this to direct that you are at all Events to endeavour to run into the Road in the Night and anchor close under the Guns of the Fort making the Signal Mr Brooke shall appoint you, whereupon we shall be ready to give you the necessary Protection from the Batteries, all other English Vessels that are at Pulicat may accompany You. Their appearance may check the Enemy if they should discover you but you are not to be detained on that Account, nor will it be necessary for you to pass so near as to be seen, for as they lie at least three Miles to the Northward of the Fort, you may keep sufficiently without them, putting out all Lights. You will distinguish the Fort from the Enemy's Camp in the Black Town by the different Ranges of the Shells.

You may take a Copy of this Order, but deliver the Original back to Mr Brooke to serve for any Ship that may come after you. Dated in Fort St George the 16th: January 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON

16th: January 1759

Sir

Your Letter of the 11th: did not reach me till the middle of last night. I am glad to find the Horse return'd to you and hope that your March towards Conjiveram will enable you [to] collect a good store of Provisions. I have already wrote you that as the French have brought up all their Stores by Sea your Remaining at Wendeloor cannot be attended with the proposed advantages, and that I would have you advance as near as you can this way taking possession of such Post as you judge to be most defencible, and convenient for receiving Provisions. This done, an opportunity may possibly be found of making a joint attack upon the Enemys whole Force, [which] I am informed is much deminuesed [*sic*] by their Attacks upon you, the Sallies from the Fort and the Fatigues of the Siege.

I desired in my last that you would write to me more frequently, and that you would forward all the advices you receive to Major Caillaud from whom I have not heard since his Departure from Tranquebar.

The Enemy keep a brisk fire from twenty four peices of Cannon, and seven Mortars, but we have suffer'd much less than could be imagined, both as to our Works and our People. They have advanced their Trenches by the Sea Side within 100 Yards of the foot of the Glacis.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To USOFF CAWN

January 16th: 1759

In the middle of the night I received your Letter of the 11th advising of your March towards Conjeveram to seize the Enemy's Provisions, and of the return of Tondeman's and the Tanjour Horse to your Army. I hope you will be able to collect sufficient Provisions to enable you to advance this way, and post yourself in such Situation as you shall judge strongest and at the same time most convenient for keeping your Army supplied with provisions. Your approach will very much interrupt the Enemy as it did before, and oblige them to detach a Part of their Force towards you, which may give us an opportunity of forming some Scheme for attacking them; their Loss of Men since the Beginning of the Siege in the two Engagements with you, the several Sallies from the Fort, and by fatigue & Sickness is computed at one Thousand; On our part we have lost very few by the Enemys Attack, nor are our Fortification much damaged although they keep up a brisk fire from Twenty four Cannon and seven Mortars; and have advanced their Trench within 100 Yards of the Foot of the Glacis.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON

17th: January 1759

Sir

As the Enemy have advanced their Trenches to the Foot of the Glacis, and will probably very soon form an Attack upon our Cover'd way and out Works, it becomes absolutely necessary that you make a Vigorous Effort to join us. You are therefore upon the Receipt hereof to march with the Company's Troops, whether Tondeman's and the Tanjourians will accompany you or not, and by a brisk attack endeavour to possess yourself of St: Thomé and to proceed by the way of the Sea side to join us. Or if, when you are advanced within five or Six miles of us, you hear that St: Thomé is two[*sic*] strongly Garded, make a Forc'd March in the Night direct for Madras, by such Road as you shall understand to

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be but weakly defended. And in order to divide the Enemy's attention it may be well to have a small Detachment or two make feign'd March[es] by different Roads from that which you design to come. If you can apprize us of the Road you intend to take, and the time your push is to be made, it shall be seconded by a Sally from the Fort. For this purpose dispatch five or Six different Hircars with so many Copies of your Letter which should contain nothing more than the road you resolve to come by, and the day & hour when you shall begin your March. And in order to conceal your intention from the Enemy in case any of them should be intercepted, Make use of the Inclosed Cypher.

The present Force of the Enemy at S^{t} Thomé is said to be one Company of Europeans, and two of Seapoys, should you be repuls'd it cannot be without considerable Loss to the Enemy and taking them off from their Works against the Fort which will be a great service done, but I have great hopes You will be able to carry your point and Effect a junction. At all events you must attempt it without Loss of time, and if you succeed we can supply you with Provisions from the Fort.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To USOFF CAWN 17th January 1759

As the Enemy have advanced their Trench to the Foot of the Glacis, and may in a few days form a general Attack upon the Fort, it becomes absolutely necessary that you make a vigorous Effort to join us. Accordingly on the receipt hereof you must march with all the Companys Troops, whether those of Tanjour and Tondeman will accompany you or not and by a sudden attack endeavour to possess Yourself of S^{t} Thomé, and from thence by the way of the Sea side to join us. Or if on your arrival near, you are advised S^{t} Thomé is too strongly garded, you need not attack it but make a quick March in the night direct for Madras by such Road as from your Intilligence you shall judge to have the smallest Guards. At the same time in order to divide the Enemy's Attention it may be advisable to have a small Detachment or two sent by different Roads from that which you intend to March. If you can acquaint me of the Road you intend to take, and the Time your Push is to be made, it shall be seconded by a Sally from the Fort. Should you be repulsed it cannot be without considerable Loss to the Enemy and taking them off from their Works against the Fort, which will be an important Service, but I have great hopes you will be able to succeed so far as to effect a junction. At all events you must attempt it without Loss of time, and if you succeed I can supply you with Provisions from the Fort.

You will consult with Captain Preston, and let him advise me of the Road you are to march and the Time when, as I have furnish'd him with a Cypher, that it may be conceal'd from the Enemy, in case they should intercept the Letter.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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AT A COUNCIL OF WAR HELD THE 19TH JANUARY 1759.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR
LIEUTENANT COLONEL STRINGER LAWRENCE
LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM DRAPER
MAJOR CHOLMONDELEY BRERETON

The Enemy being now advanced as far as the foot of the Glacis, The Governour proposes to the Council for their Consideration and Opinion, Whether

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from the appearance of the Enemy's Works as they now stand it is their Intention to erect another Battery or only to cover themselves till they can approach so near as to facilitate an Assault.

We are of Opinion from the Appearance of the Enemy's Works and Method of proceeding that they intend to work on by Sap till they reach the Crest of the Glacis on the Sea Side and from thence make an Assault, or else make a Mine and blow up the Covered Way and Counterscarp near the North East Saliant Angle, and make their Attempt immediatly after, but it is not apprehended that they intend to proceed so regularly as to erect a Battery on the Glacis against the Flank of the Royal Bastion or to make any Lodgment in the Cover'd Way and therefore it is judge[d] most adviseable to Secure the works on the North East part of the Fort and the Sea Line, at the same time to drive several Rows of Pickets in the Dry Ditch before the East Curtain.

This being the Opinion of the Council the Governour further proposes for their Consideration and Opinion Whether, on the one hand considering the reasonable Hopes We may entertain of the Arrival of our long expected Succours if it be adviseable by all means to endeavour to gain time, and as the most effectual Means to make Sallys in order to destroy the Enemy's Works, and retard their Approach, and if so, what should be strength of such Sallys and what the properest time. Or, Whether on the other hand Considering the hard Duty of the Garrison, that it will be impossible to make Sallys of any considerable strength, and at the same time spare working Parties sufficient to repair in the night the damage done to the works in the Day, if it be more adviseable not to make any Sallys upon the Enemy but confine ourselves wholy to the keeping our present Works in repair, and erecting such others as may from time to time be judged necessary and annoying the Enemy from our Works.

We are of Opinion that great advantages might attend the making of Sallys by retarding the Enemy's Works, and that they may occásionally be hazarded, but should an Attempt of that Nature be attended with any considerable Loss of Men it is to be apprehended that our Numbers may be then insufficient to carry on the necessary Repairs and Man our Works with a proper Compliment of Men as from Sickness and the Accidents the Garrison is considerably diminished, in so much that the Men who come off Guard have sometimes been obliged to assist in the Repairs instead of taking their natural rest agreable to the usual Custom of most Garrisons, add to this that there are no places Bomb Proof for the protection of the Soldiers when off Duty. The Hospital only excepted.

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Lalaput 16th: January 1759

Hoñble Sir

Your Letter of the 8th I acknowledged yesterday: and at the same time represented our Situation to you in a particular manner. I have only now to add, in Case of its being intercepted that for a while We are under a Necessity of disapproving of your Plan. In 2 or 3 Days more We shall march from hence to Arcot; and from thence to Conjeveram. As soon as ever we approach within a Days March of Turing's House I shall fire 3 or 4 Rockets at night, & have a large smoak made in the Morning to signify that we shall then either be ready to join in your last Plan, or any other you may think more proper.

I am
Honble Sir
Your most respectful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

Should we go to the Mount again I will make the same Signal.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated the 15th and received 19 JANY: 1759

I arrived towards Arcot in order together [*sic*] Provisions and horsemen and accordingly lie encamped near Lalapetta. On my arrival hither I have already inlisted 500 Horse and some more are gathering together. This day being the 15th Abdull Bob Cawn has sent me a Letter advising me that he has some horse and Seapoys with him, and that he will come with his Troops and join me also, for which reason I left Captain Preston in the Army and set out myself for Chattore clear of Bag & Baggage taking only some horsemen with me. By the Blessing of God if Abdul Bob Cawn comes I shall take him with me. and then with the whole Army, Provisions &ca march soon to your parts, and arrive near to the Enemy's Camp of which I thought fit to advise you.

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Rajahmundry January 3d: 1759

COPY LETTER FROM COLONEL FORDE
TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR
&CA COUNSIL FORT ST: GEORGE.

Gentlemen

Your favour of the 17 Ultimo I received this Day and have forwarded a Copy of it by Sea and another by Land to the Committee at Calcutta, from whom I every day expect orders relating to your representation of the 4 November. I have not heard a word from Bengal since I set out on this Expedition and fear much the communication by Land is stopp'd by Narandieu a Rajah near Sittacool; two of your Letters of the 4th November I dispatch'd by Land, and one by Sea by Captain Lowis; a few days ago the accompanying Letter from Colonel Clive to Mr Pigot was brought me by the Hircarrahs who say they have been 4 Months Prisoners with Narandieu.

I most heartily congratulate You on the succesful Sally made the 14th: which will certainly convince Mr Lally he is not to expect Childrens play I have the honour to be

Gentlemen
Your most Obdt
& most humble Servant
FRANS FORD.

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Pondicherry Septemr 6, 1758

Vous me demandez par votre Lettre des nouvelles de la prise du Fort St. David, alors un detail circonstancié auroit pu vous faire plaisir, mais apresent cela est vieux.

Vous parlerai-je d'une malheureuse expedition que nous venons de faire dans le Tanjour? les mauvaises nouvelles interessent, mais coutent á celuy qui les racante. Nous avons fait le siege de Tanjour, nous y avons fait breche et nous avons été obligés de nous retirer faute de vivres et de munitions, en y laissant 9 pieces de cannon, dont 8 de 24, L'Armée a souffert la faim, la soif les veilles et les fatigues. Nous y avons perdu pres de 200 hommes tant par la desertion, que par le boulet, ou les Calerés qui nous ont tué bien des traineurs. Cet echec nous fait bien de tort, tant pour notre réputation, que par les partes réélles que nous avons faites. Ajoutés á cela le depart de l'Escadre qui a mis hier á la voile pour aller aux îles y refaire et reparer ses batimens assés maltraités d'un second combat qui s'est donne le 3d aout: nous avons perdu à ce dernier plus 350 hommes.

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" Pauvres Francois, ou en sommes nous ? quels projets ne nous croyons nous pas en etat d' execution ; & combien sommes nous dèchus de l' esperance que nous avoit donnée la prise de Fort S^t^ David ? je plains notre general ; il doit avoir la tete bien embarassée quelque vaste que soit son genie. Sans argent, sans escadre, ses troupes tres mecontentes, le credit de la nation perdu, sa reputation chancellante, la mauvaise saison aprochant et nous forcant a depenser pour subsister, sans pouvoir tenter d'interprise qui nous procure des fonds, que pouvons nous devenir ? je ne crains pas pour moi, mais je vois avec peine que nous ne brillons pas."

" On dit que M^r^ de Bussi desiend : qu'il se depeche, qu'il amene de hommes, qu'il aporte de l' argent surtout : sans cela il ne fera que hater notre misere Le pays est ruine, et ne fournit presque plus de vivres Les consommations de l' escadre, celles de l'armee, la desertion des habitans ort bien encherry toutes sortes de denrées."

" J' oubliais de vous dire que plus de 20 Officieurs des differens Corps ont repassé sur l'escadre, & que si M^r^ de Lally avoit voulu permettre de s'en aller a tous ceux qui le lui demandes la plus grande partie se seroit embarquée, tant ces Messieurs sont degoutés.

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To Captain Preston — 20 January 1759

Sir

Your Letter of the 16^th^ reached me last night, but I have not received what you mention to have wrote me the day before. Nothing but the most unavoidable necessity should have carried You to so great a Distance from the present scene of Action. The Enemy's advanc'd Trench is now within 80 Yards of the North East Angle of our Cover'd Way ; you will therefore act with all Expedition according to the Orders I sent you the 17^th^ of this Month.

The Enemy have placed two large Guns upon the Sand beyond the Bar to the Southward and have posted a strong Detachment from the Lorrain Regiment at the Garden house.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

My Letter of the 17^th^ was forwarded in two Copies let me know if you have received them both.

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To Usoff Cawn — 20^th^ January 1759

I received last night your Letter dated the 15^th^ advising of your setting out for Chittour to bring Abdul Vahab Cawn. As the Enemy have now advanced within a very few Yards of the Fort, You must not delay even an hour to execute the Orders contain'd in my Letter of the 17^th^ of this Month. If Abdul Vahab Cawn with a good Body of Horse accompanies you it will be esteem'd a Mark of Friendship to the Nabob and the Company, but if he is not ready you must proceed without them and march with as much expedition as possible.

George Pigot.

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From Captain Preston — Lalaput January 19^th^ 1759

Honble Sir

I have now the satisfaction to inform you that we have here recruited ourselves with all we wanted ; and that Abdul Bob Cawn has join'd us with a Body of Seapoys, and above twice the number of Horse we had before ? We shall now

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I hope be very soon about Mr Lally's Quarters; and in another Fortnight we expect 3000 Morattoes after us. As soon as we arrive within a Days March of Turin's House, I'll have 3 or 4 Rockets fired, if at Night; & have a large Smoak made in the Day time. Should we proceed to the Mount, I'll have the same Signal made there as before.

Praying for you[r] continual Success
I am with perfect Respect
Hoñble Sir
Your most Respectful humᵉ
Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 20 Recᵈ: 22ᵈ January 1759

Yesterday being the 19th. Instant, I address'd a Letter to you advising of my return to the Army at Lalapatta jointly with Abdul Bob Cawn. I must inform your Honour that Abdul Bob Cawn out of regard to the old Friendship and Union being inclined to perserve his Amity with the Company and while they are fighting to support his Family in the Government of the Country under great hardships, not caring to withdraw himself at such a Juncture joined my Army in order to punish and expell the Enemy. I on my part encouraged him greatly, You'll be pleased to write him a Letter of Friendship and encouragement. I thought it necessary to request you on this head.

By the Blessing of God a Strong Army is now gathered as well as a good store of provisions and I shall march from hence and arrive in 3 Days to act against the Enemy which shall by no means be Delay'd. I have sent Maliah Mahomud Asselam Cawn and Govenderam Vakeel of the Marattoes to Gopal harry agreing to pay 60 Thousand Rupees provided they brought 3000 of the Morattoes horse in 15 Days towards Valore. If any thing happens here after I shall advise you.

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General Weekly Return of the Strength of the Garrison of Fort St. George Jany the 22d 1758.

	Officers																			Doing Duty									
												Staff.												Centinel.					
	Lieut. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Town Major.	Brigade Major.	Captain Lieutenant.	Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Lieut. Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeon.	Adjutants.	Qr. Masters.	Chaplin	Surgeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volunteers.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Europeans.	Topasses.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.
Troop of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	27	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	1	1	..	1	...	..	1	1	2	...	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	10	27	51
The Honble Compys Artillery ...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	8	38
His Majestys 64th Regiment ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	4	...	124	...	...	...	...	..
The Detachment of Marines ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	..
The Honble Compys 1st Battalion.	...	1	7	...	...	...	6	...	14	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	39	26	...	284	31	...	...	...	...
Ditto 2nd Do.	...	...	8	...	...	...	6	...	11	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	39	22	...	161	24	52	...	...	...
Invalids and Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	2	...	...	30	13	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	..
Total ...	2	2	21	1	1	3	19	3	28	7	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	119	28 [?]	57	1	680	68	52	13	35	89

	Sick in Ye. Hospl.						Wounded in ye. Hospl.						Sieck [sic.] & Wounded in the Hospital.											Casualties.						
				Centins. [sic.]						Centinels.																			
	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matosses. [sic.]	Additional Gunners & Matrosses.	Pioneers.	Artificers.	Camp Colour Men.	Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Deceased.	Killed.	Diserted.	Discharged.	Prefered.	Received.	Removed.	Entertained.
Troop of Horse	...	1	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	..	2	8	20	...	...	...	...	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys Artillery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1		...	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	62	3	...	..	...	2	...	...	...
His Majestys 64th Regiment ..	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines .	1	1	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys 1st Battalion.	6	2	1	52	3	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	40	9	5	564	2	4	4	...	3	13	13	1
Ditto 2nd Do.	3	2	1	25	3	4	...	...	...	19	...	5	...	...	...	...	.	.	23	29	4	7	457	4	7	...	3	3	14	14	...
Invalids and Pensioners	1	...	...	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	11	6	2	138	15	4	...	1	...	30	...	5	2	2	...	3	10	25	49	76	13	12	1606	14	11	4	3	8	27	27	1

General Return of the Seapoys in Fort St. George.

January 22d 1759.	Commodants [sic].	Subbedars.	Jamidars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colour Men.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeters.	Seapoys.	Total.	Deceased.	Diserted.
First & Second Battalions ...	2	32	125	216	176	43	32	12	1884	1922	8	47

Robt Bannatyne,
Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 22D JANUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

—		Remaining the 15	Expended from the 15 to the 22 Inclusive	Remaining 15 [22] January 1759
		Sticks		
Firewood	N	1,349,920	78,005	1,271,915
Rice	Garce	76-170	5-233	70-337
Pease	Ditto	1-179	.....	1-179
Doll	Ditto	3-365	.....	3-365
		Mes.		
Gram	Ditto	12-367	135	12-232
Biscuit—Kings	lb	16,000	.....	16,000
		Pounds.		
—Companys	lb	13,305	195	13,110
Candles	N	7,985	1,223	6,762
Wheat—Kings	Garce	6½	.....	6½
		Meers.		
Paddy	Ditto	28-272-3	229	28-43-3
Salt Fish	N	13,011	2,420	10,591
Ghee	Candy	29-15-3-11	1-11-4-31½	28-3-6-19½
Sugar	Ditto	38-10-6	1-18-1	36-12-5
Arrack—Kings	Gallons	22,000	.....	22,000
—Companys	Ditto	5,510½	899½	4,611
Live Cattle	N	59	.....	.....
Draft & Carriage Bullocks in Garrison	...	420 479	95	384
Salt Beef—Kings & Companys	lb	.....	.....	.. ...
Salt Pork—Kings & Companys	lb	.....	.....	.....
Suit [sic]— Ditto	lb	.....	.....	.....
Salt	Garce	9-127-4	0-82-3	9-45-1
		Md.		
Pepper	Candy	6-19-20-4	1-14-12	6-18-5-8
		Md. lb.		
Chilley	Ditto	21-1-23-3	1-9	20-0-14-3
Tamarind	Ditto	62-18-16-14	1-13-1-6 [9]	61-5-15-5
		lb. oz.		
Turmerick	Ditto	3-10-15-4	14-12	3-10-0-8
Cummin Seed	Ditto	5-18-6-8	10-4	5-17-21-4
Tobacco	Ditto	23-0-3-10	1-14-8-2	21-5-20-8
Beetle Nutt	Ditto	11-12-17-11	0-12-5-8	11-0-2-3
Finegreck	Ditto	2- 3- 5- 4	0-0-3-8	2-3-1-12
Leaves (by Tale)	...	64,397	21,157	43,240
Lamp Oil	Meārs	1881⅜	.....	.....
Ditto Bought	...	686 2,567⅝	363⅜	2,204
Gingely Oil	Do.	432⅔	⅝	431⅝
Mustard Seed Oil	Do.	1,300	.....	1,300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls, Mallys, Jarrs, Lamps & Guglets	N	14,178	119	14,059
Baskets of Sorts	Do.	11,689	400	11,289
Matts Large & Small	Do.	4,519	365	4,154
Well Ropes	Ditto	3,675	.....	3,675

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 16TH TO THE 23 JANUARY 1759.

			Remains the 16 Jany 1759	Receipts since	Issue since	Remains 23 Jany 1759
Gunpowder ...	Europe ...	...Barrels contg. 100 lb. each ...	520	...	31	489
	Country ...	... Ditto Ditto Chests Ditto 100 ditto	1200-40 lb.	...	416-20 lb.	784-20 lb.
	Gheria ...	...Chests	226	...	12	214
Shott	Round ...	...24 Pounders	10526	...	1625	8901
		18 ditto	7965	...	797	7168
		12 ditto	4121	...	346	3775
		9 ditto	8532	...	480	8052
		6 ditto	7433	...	148	7285
	Grape ...	...24 Pounders	[832]382	...	67	765
		12 ditto	244	20	264	...
Mortar Shells ...	13 Inch	... ...	494	...	77	417
	10 Ditto	... ...	1065	...	114	951
	8 ditto	... ...	728	...	194	534
	5½ ditto or Royals...	... ...	414	60	474	...
	4⅘ ditto or Cohorns...	... ...	1582	...	469	1113
	Hand Granadoes	... ...	2672	...	608	2064
Gunners Stores ...	Salting Boxes	... ...	10	...	2	8
	Port fires	... ...	3034	...	84	2950
	Tubes ... ... 12 prs.	... ...	2692	...	250	2442
	6 prs.	... ...	6664	...	162	6502
Match	Country	... ...	3006	...	56	2950
	Europe	... ...	132	...	13	119
Firelocks... ...	Bajonet Pieces	... New ...	1757	...	248	1509
		Repaired ...	237	...	44	193
	Muskets without Bajonets	... ditto ...	321	...	3	318
	Pistols with Ribbs	... ...	307	...	29	pr. 278
	with[t]. Ditto	... ...	17½	...	1	16½
	Carbines	... ...	82	...	7	75
	Ditto with Bajonets	... ...	6	...	2	4
Small Arms ...	Brass Hangers	... ...	109	...	1	108
	Brass Basket Hilted Swords	... ...	352	...	7	345
	Halberts	... ...	35	...	13	22
Armoury Stores.	Flints	... ...	479,849	...	2108	477,741
	Bajonet Belts	... ...	195	...	18	177
	Cartridge Paper	Europe ...	80	...	9	71
	Cartridge Boxes	Europe ...	142	...	16	126
		...Leather Country ...	121	...	28	93
	Buff Sword Belts	... ...	527	...	7	520
Armoury Petty Stores.	Gun Rammers	Country ...	473	...	200	273
	Hammers	... ...	376	...	201	175
	Pickers	... ...	100	101	201	...
	Worms	... ...	1132	...	201	931
Beteelas for Colours.	Red—Country	yds. ...	356¼	...	yd. 1	355¼
	White—ditto	do. ...	90	...	1	89
	Blue—ditto	do. ..	105	...	1	104
General Stores ...	Iron Crowfeet	... ...	38950	...	6000	32950
	Sand Bags	... ...	943	10,000	3,500	7,443

N.B.—All other Articles of Military Stores Remaining in the Garrison are the same as mentioned in the General Return of the 12 December and other Weekly Returns since delivered in.

Fort S[t] George 23 Jany 1759

CHA[s]. BOURCHIER,
Mility Storek[r].

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 16 TO THE 22D JANUARY 1759 BOTH DAYS INCLUDED.

	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
Days.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharg'd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharg'd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
16	72	4	1	2	56	5	2	...	..	...	...	...	36	...	2	...
17	73	...	...	1	59	2	1	1	...	...	...	..	34	1	...	...
18	72	5	2	...	59	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	35	4	1	...
19	75	3	1	...	64	1	2	..	...	...	...	...	38	3	2	...
20	77	2	...	3	63	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	39	..	...	.
21	76	6	1	...	65	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	39	4	1	2
22	81	4	2	...	68	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...

ROBT, TURIN[G]
Surgeon.

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TO CAPTAIN PRESTON 23d. January 1759

Sir

Early this Morning I received your Letter of the 19th. and observe with pleasure that Abdul Vahab Cawn had joined you and that you intended to move this way with all expedition. I approve the agreement you made with the Morattoes whose Assistance will always be of service but our Opperations must not wait for their arrival. We must pursue immediatly vigorous Measures, by which either we shall Effect a Junction or by the Enemy's dividing their Force have an opportunity of taking some advantage over them. I shall have people constantly looking out for the Signals mentioned in your Letter, or if the Cypher I sent with my Letter of the 17th has reached your hands you may acquaint me particularly of the Rout you intend to take and the time when and dispatch that notice in several Copies as the Enemy will discover nothing, if any of them should fall into their hands. As soon as I receive advice of your designs, I will take such measures for promoting your Success as shall appear most expedient upon Information of the Enemy's Motions. The Night before last a small party from the Garrison made a Sally upon the Enemys Advanced Trench which they abandoned in Confusion, and our people kept possession long enough to overset many of the Gabions and for one of our Engineers to examine the Nature of the work, which was the Chif [*sic.*] design of the Sally. the Trench was found a very weak one and no appearance of a mine which they had reported to be in forwardness, they have been employed since in deepening and Strengthening their Trench, and making a Battery upon the North East Angle near the Foot of the Glacis, where they opened this Morning Three Guns direct against the North Ravalin.

I am informed they have withdrawn all their Men from St Thomé, as well as the Detachment they had at the Garden house, excepting about Sixty Europeans, & some Companies of Seapoys. I have ordered some Hircaras from hence to go into the Enemys Camp and carry you the news of any Motions; Usoff Cawn no doubt has also some good Spies of his own, I have wrote to him again about bringing over the Enemy's Country Forces in which Abdul Vahab Cawn may be very assisting, If you can draw any further Assistance from Changleput without leaving the place in danger of a Assault from small parties you must by all means do it that you may be as strong as possibly for so important a Push.

I am
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To Usoff Cawn January 23d: 1759

Last night I received your Letter of the 19 advising of Abdul Vahab's Cawn's joining you at Lalaput with his forces, and that your Army being now well reinforced and plentifully supplied with Provisions, you should march from thence and arrive here in 3 Days. This gave me great pleasure for as the Enemy have advanced their Works very near to the Fort and erected a Battery upon the Glacis, our United Efforts must be made as soon as possible. I shall keep people to look out Constantly for the Signal mentioned in Captain Preston's Letter of the 19th, and you may also acquaint me particularly of your Designs by means of the Cypher I sent to Captain Preston with my Letter of the 17th: Instant.

I have wrote a Letter to Abdul Vahab Cawn according to your Advice, commending his Behaviour on this Occasion, and he may be assured of all marks of the Company's Esteem and Friendship in return for the Instance he is now giving of his Readiness to Assist in their Affairs against the common Enemy. I approve of your sending for the Morattas and of the agreement you made with the Vakeel but we must not wait for their Arrival; we must endeavour first to remove the Enemy from hence and then with the Junction of the Morattas we may be enabled to cut off their Retreat. Perhaps you may succeed with the Assistance of Abdul Vahab Cawn in drawing of [*sic*] the Enemy's Country Troops. The Parties of Europeans which they kept at St Thomé, and the Places to the Southward are now drawn into the Black Town excepting a small Detachment at the Garden House. As soon as I have advice of your approach, if they send a large Force against you I will take the opportunity of destroying their Works near the Fort, if they do not send any Force against you, there will be no Difficulty in your joining us by the way of St Thome and the Seaside.

The Instances you have given of your Bravery and Zeal for the Company's Service are very many and that which you are now to give will exceed all the rest by reason of the Good Consequences that will attend it.

George Pigot.

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To Abdul Vahab Cawn 23 January 1759

The Instance you have given of your Friendship to the Company, & your regard for the Welfare of the Country by joining Usoff Cawn and Captain Preston with your Army in order to act against the common Enemy at this Time of Material Business has given me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction, and you may be assured that I shall always keep the Remembrance of it and upon all Occasions give you marks of the Company's regard.

By the long continuance of the Siege the Enemy have lost a very considerable Number of Officers and Men Kill'd and Wounded, as well as through Sickness and Fatigue, wherefore if an Opportunity can be found for our Junction it will be no difficult Matter to cut off the Remains of their Army. I have sent a Cypher to Captain Preston, by the means of which he may acquaint me with your advice and Intentions without and [*sic*] danger if the Letter should fall into the Enemy's hands as they will not understand it. You will therefore consult with him & Usoff Cawn and let him advise me of your Resolution in several Copies; that I may at the same time do what may be necessary on my part to destroy the Enemy and Effect a Junction with your Army. I have been advised that most of the Enemy's Country Forces are discontented, and am of oppinion that by your means the greastest [*sic*] part of them might be drawn over to our Side considering that many of them have heretofore been Servants under your Government and may be inclin'd to act according to your advice. It is a great happiness to me that the Union between you and the Company is renued [*sic*]. By the Blessing of God it will increase daily and remain as long as the Sun and Moon endure.

George Pigot.

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[*See page 61.*]

To Mr Deyman 23d January 1759

Sir

Some days ago I received your Letter of the 15th and last night that of the 19th: The Letter from Major Caillaud you mention to have forwarded the 13th has never reached me which gives me Concern as I have not heard from him since his arrival at Tanjour.

You will continue to transmit to me whatever Intelligence you receive and you may assure the Hircars they shall be well rewarded on their Arrival.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

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[*See page 61.*]

From Captain Preston January 22d: 1759

Hoñble Sir

Just now I received your Letter of the 17th and shall be unhappy till I have done all in my power to effect the utmost you can require of me We shall immediatly march towards you by the nearest road: and as soon as we arrive within a days march of you, will [then] determine on what Road to proceed by; and will write you accordingly. We have now 2000 Horse with us, amongst which are 600 Morattoes. In eight Days more we expect 3000 Morattoes from Radjah Row. Goran daws has promised us to lend the Company 60,000 Rupees in order to pay them that Sum as soon as they arrive at Velloor. Hoping soon as to be an Actor in some great and succesful Blown [*sic*], I remain with all respect,

Hoñble Sir
Your most faithful
& Obedient Servant
Achilles Preston.

To Morrow we shall be at Triviloor,

I have Received yours of the 12th

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[*See page 61.*]

From Usoff Cawn Dated the 22d Received 23d Janur: 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter dated the 17th Instant on this Day being the 22d at 9 oClock in the Forenoon advising me and Captain Preston to march towards you agreable to your orders I shall soon be at St. Thomé to morrow I proceed to Tervalore, and the next day to the place abovementioned, and shall act according to your Orders. I have sent Malick Mahomud Asselam Cawn and the Moratta Vackeel to Gopall harry belonging to Balazeyraw in order to procure from him 3000 horse they agreeing to bring them in 8 Days, I hope they will arrive soon I procured Goverdendosses Bill for 60 Thousand Rupees and sent it. My Army consists of about 800 horse belonging to Abdul Vahab Cawn and 1000 more which I have inlisted, a Number of Horse which I sent for from Madura are also arrived in the Army to which is to be added some that entered formerly in the Service; In short I shall arrive very soon in your Parts with the Army.

I think it necessary to inform you of two Schemes which occur to me the First is that I proceed according to your Orders and endeavour to Punish the Enemy in a proper manner, the Second that if you should be involved in great Troubles and think it impossible the Fort can hold out in such case to order all your heavy stores to be distroyed reserving Money and small Guns which may be trasported [*sic*] by Men the Money may be delivered in small Sums to the Seapoys and Europeans to bring along with you and take as many of the small Guns as possible & leave a few Gunners & Seapoys in the Fort and the whole Body of the

———*APPENDIX No. 192.*———

Gentlemen march with the Army to S^{t} Thomé we may then consult together about punishing the Enemy in a proper manner. These are thoughts which came into my mind, and which I have presumed to communicate to you. I desire you will not think that I write this out of fear or Anxiety. My Duty is to act according to your Orders, and I have no Business with any thing else. You'll seriously consider on this Head and do what you may think best. As to myself I am obedient to your Order, the Marattoe Troops will arrive [shortly] and a large Army is now gathered. By the Blessing of God the Enemy shall be punished in such a Manner that no name or mark of them will remain I must repeat that I shall arrive soon.

N. 193.

[*See page 63.*]

To Captain Preston 24th January 1759

Sir

Late last night I received your Letter of the 22^{d} I shall keep a look out for your Signals and depend upon receiving from you notice of the Rout you resolve to take for as the Enemy march Parties backwards and forwards continually between the Black Town and S^{t} Thomé, I think it best to leave it to you to determine upon a Plan from the Intelligence you yourself shall receive of their Situation.

Inclosed is Duplicate of what I wrote you Yesterday. During the Night the Enemy push'd forward some Gabions quite up to the Crest of the Glacis. Our people pull'd several of them into the Cover'd way and killed some of their working Men.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot.

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[*See page 63.*]

To Usoff Cawn January 24th 1759

I received last night your Letter of the 22^{d} The Preservation of this Fort is of the utmost Consequence to the Company's Welfare and must be regarded above all other considerations. The Number of Shott & Shells that have been fired against it is very large and the Enemy have ad[vanced] close to the Cover'd way, nevertheless the Walls are in good Condition, and the same number of Guns mounted upon the Bastions as in the Beginning. My Resolution therefore is to defend it to the last extremity and I am persuaded it will not be in the Enemy's Power to take it. You on your part will exert yourself with the utmost Diligence and Bravery in order to effect a Junction. The particular Plan for your Operations and the Road by which you may best succeed is left to your own Determination upon the Intelligence you receive of any Parties of the Enemy that may be sent to oppose you, and when I hear what Rout you resolve on I will take such Measures as shall appear most expedient to promote your success. I have sent herewith Duplicates of the Letters I wrote Yesterday to you and Abdul Vahab Cawn, As he has a great Influence over the Polygars I am in hopes he will engage them to give Disturbance to the Enemy and to assist you in what you may require.

George Pigot.

N. 195.

[*See page 63.*]

From Captain Joseph Smith
To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq^{r} Trithinopoly [*sic*] 15 January 1759

Hoñble Sir

I have the Honour to inform you, that this Moment I received a Packet from Anjengo, as also a Letter from the Chief advising me that our Ships, and Forces, left that Place on the 31st Dec^{r} in their way to Madras. Admiral Pocock's Fleet was at Bombay part of which were then ready for sailing the Rest would be in a short time.

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The Nabob with his Family Arrived safe on the 9th Instant, since which he has been a good deal indisposed, but is Better, and this Good News will I hope quite Effect his Cure. I hope Sir, You'll Pardon my not writing more fully, I am so Anxious to Communicate what we have been so long expecting; that for the Present, I'll trouble you Sir, with nothing more than to beg you will Accept of my Hearty Congratulations on the Occasion and Am

Hoñble Sir
With the Utmost Respect
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
JOSEPH SMITH.

The Packet is forwarded to Major Caillauds Care.

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FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON January 22d 1759

Hoñble Sir,

I have just now received your Letter of the 20 Instant. I hope Sir you dont imagine I'd have been there long from the scene of Action unless there had appeared an Absolute necessity for it; as indeed there was. The Safety of Madras has been my only Consideration; And I hope you'll soon be convinced that by attending Usoff Cawn as I have, I have done much more towards it than even if I could have remained all along with both our Parties any where near you, in my last I inclosed you a Letter from Major Caillaud; wherein he mentions the Arrival of our first Division of Ships which sailled from Anjengo the 31st of December and some other advices in Cypher. All that he has wrote to me as to any Purpose, is only that his principal Intintions was to endeavour to join me. He tells me that he has had no Letters from Madras since the 25th Ultimo, nor does he acknowledge so much as one Letter out of 4 which I have wrote him since the 10th Instant. Your Letters of the 14 and 16 I have received. That of the 14th reached me but Yesterday Only one of your Letters to Mr Smith has fallen into my Hands, which was dated the 1st Instant. Hoping soon to see you as succesful as you can wish

I remain
Hoñble Sir
Your respectful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

I have received one of your Letters dated 17th

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TO THE HOÑBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE AT BOMBAY

Gentlemen

Our last letter dated the 17th December, of which one Copy was sent by Pattamar, and one by the Victory Snow Captain Holford, will acquaint you of our being invested by the French Army. The Houses of the Black Town not being yet demolish'd to the intended Distance gave them an opportunity of Opening Ground and erecting their first Battery within 450 Yards of the Foot of the Glacis. We gave what Interruption we could to the works by the Fire from the Fort and it was the 2d of this Month before they returned a Single Shott or Shell. That Morning they began to play from three Guns and Six Mortars. The Guns were soon silenced but they continued throwing Shells the whole day. This however appeared to be intended only to cover an Attack they made that Morning upon a Body of Seapoys from Trichinopoly which, join'd by a few Europeans from

*Note.— This letter is marked 'Duplicate' in the original volume.

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Changleput, had advanced within Six Miles of us. The 6th: They opened their Batteries against the Fort and ever since we have had a Continual fire both of Shott & Shells which have laid almost the whole Town in Ruins, disabled 26 pieces of Cannon and 5 Mortars, but have not had the Effect of destroying our Defences; The Enemy have nevertheless advanc'd their Trenches quite up to the Crest of the Glacis, where they are now making a Battery in Breach; Our Situation is therefore exceeding critical.

Two Pattamars from your Place have arrived safe at Pulicat with your Letters of the 18th November and 2d December. After the frequent Representations made to you of the Enemy's Designs against this Settlement and the Necessity of your sending us timely Reinforcements, we should naturally have imagin'd that you would not have suffer'd the Ships which, through an unaccountable Deviation, carried to Bombay the Troops destin'd for this Coast, to remain there one Moment longer than was absolutely necessary. Had they sailed by the 25 of November which is allowing them ten days for Refreshment (Time sufficient considering they had before made some stay at Goa) they would probably have arrived here long ago, and their Junction, even without the Addition of any Troops from your Garrison, would effectually prevented [*sic*] the Danger to which this Settlement is now exposed, and the immence Loss which the Company and every Inhabitant will sustain whether the Place is taken or not. For the Cloth Warehouse and almost every Building in the Town have been distroyed by the Shells and the Goods that were in them either consumed by the Flames or buried under the Ruins.

In short Mr. Lally has had the Good Fortune to see every one Circumstance turn out exactly as he could have wish'd to favor his Attempt. About the 1st of December he received advice from Goa of our Squadron under Command of Mr. Tiddeman being there and it was this determined him to march directly against Madras; Before any Vessel of ours appeared, the Ship he expected from Mazulipatam with Artillery and Stores join'd him. The next day the 23d December the Thames Captain Wedderburn loaded with Provisions for the Garrison came without opposition into the Road, the French Ship being neither in the condition nor the Intention to mind any thing except the Landing her Stores, but upon her getting under Sail the 24th: to run nearer into her Station, The Thames weigh'd also and disapeared. Fortunately we had laid in a sufficient stock of Provisions. The 8th: Instant a Frigate of 20 Guns arrived from Pondicherry, and the next day the Bristol and a Country Ship all with supplies of Stores. The Warren, for what reason we know not, went to Bengal with the Detachment of King's Troops She had on Board for this Garrison, and we are advised, was to leave that place for Madras the 20th Instant but it will be impossible for her to get into the Road unless the Captain acts with a different spirit from that which he has shewn before, or is joined by other Ships sufficient to master those of the Enemy, which block us up. The Ganges, Captain Duncan, who appeared off Pulicat the 20th would have been of some use in such an attempt, but he no sooner heard of our Circumstances than he stood off the Coast again; and Colonel Forde notwithstanding his Success in Golconda is so positively forbid to come here, that he writes he must wait for fresh Instructions from Bengal although he has advice of our being actualy besieg'd.

Under all these Discouragements we have the pleasure to see the Whole Garrison do their Duty with the utmost chearfulness and Spirit. Our Loss to this time is much less than might have been expected from so long a Siege and so warm a Fire as we have sustain'd, especially as we are not provided with any Bomb Proof Lodgments except that which we have made an Hospital. We doubt not our Men will perserve [*sic*] the same Spirit to the last extremity, and if the Place should at length be reduced, we flatter ourselves it will be so dear a Purchase to the Enemy as will put it out of their Power to undertake any thing against the other Precedencies.

But we hope our Efforts will be attended with Success and frustrate the Designs of the Enemy. In such Case all the supplies you can possibly spare us of

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Gunpowder, Shot and Shells and other Military Stores will be very necessary; as well as a Reinforcement of Men from your Garrison to repair our Losses & enable us to make head against the fresh supplies the Enemy expec this Year.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort St. George
26th January 1759

P.S. We are to request that you will send us as large supplies as possible of Wheat, Rice and other Provisions as a Famin is much to be apprehended from the Ravages the Country has undergone.

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To GEORGE POCOCK ESQR:
VICE ADMIRAL OF THE RED & COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA.

Sir

Our last Letter dated the 17 December of which one Copy was sent by Pattamar, and one by the Victory Snow Captain Holford will acquaint you of our being invested by the French Army. The Houses of the Black Town not being yet demolis'd to the intended Distance gave them an Opportunity of opening Ground and erecting their first Battery within 450 Yards of the Foot of the Glacis. We gave what Interruption we could to their Works by the Fire from the Fort and it was the 2d of this Month before they return'd a single Shott or shell. That morning they began to play from three Guns and Six Mortars: The Guns were soon silenced but they continued throwing Shells the whole Day. This however appeared to be intended only to cover an Attack, they made that Morning upon a Body of Seapoys from Trichenopoly which join'd by a few Europeans from Changleput had advanc'd within Six Miles of us. They open'd their Batteries against the Fort and ever since we have had a continual Fire both of Shott & Shells which have laid almost the whole Town in Ruins disabled 26 Pieces of Cannon and three Mortars, but have not had the Effect of distroying our Defences: The Enemy have nevertheless advanc'd their Trenches quite up to the Crest of the Glacis where they are now making a Battery in Breach: Our Situation is therefore exeeding [*sic*] critical!

By a Pattamar from Bombay which came lately to Pulicat we had the Pleasure to receive advice of your Arrival there on the 25th: November, it would have been exceeding fortunate if you had order'd the Squadron which through an unaccountable Deviation carried to Bombay the Troops destin'd for this Coast, to proceed hither immediatly. They might have join'd us in time to prevent the imminent Danger to which this Settlement is now expos'd and the immence Loss which the Company and every Inhabitant will sustain whether the place is taken or not. For the Cloth Warehouse and almost every Building in the Town have been distroy'd

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by the Shells and the Goods that were in them either consum'd by the Flames or buried under the Ruins.

In short M^r^ Lally has had the Good Fortune to see every one Circumstance turn out exactly as he could have wish'd to favor his Attempt. About the 1^st^: December he received advice from Goa of our Squadron under the Command of M^r^ Tiddeman being there, and it was this that determined him to march directly for Madras. Before any Vessel of ours appeared, the Ship he expected from Mazulipatam with Artillery and Stores join'd him. The next day the 23^d^ December the Thames Captain Wedderburn loaded with Provisions for the Garrison came without Opposition into the Road, The French Ship being neither in the Condition nor the Intention to mind anything except the Landing her Stores; but upon her getting under Sail the 24^th^ to run nearer in to her station, the Thames weigh'd also and disappeared. Fortunately we had laid in a sufficient Stock of Provisions. The 8 Instant a Frigate of 20 Guns arrived from Pondicherry, and the next day the Bristol & a Country Ship all with supplies of Stores. The Warren for what reason we know not went to Bengall with the Detachment of Kings Troops she had on board for this Garrison, and we are advised was to leave that Place for Madras the 20^th^: Instant, but it will be impossible for her to get into the Road unless the Captain acts with a different spirit from that which he has shewn before or is join'd by other Ships sufficient to master those of the Enemy which block us up. The Ganges Captain Duncan who appeared off Pulicat the 20^th^: would have been of some Use in such an Attempt, but he no sooner heard of our Circumstances than he stood off the Coast again; and Colonel Forde notwithstanding his Success in Golconda is so positively forbid to come here that he writes he must wait for fresh Instructions from Bengall although he has advice of our being actually besieg'd.

Under all these Discouragements we have the pleasure to see the whole Garrison do their Duty with the utmost Chearfulness and Spirit. Our Loss to this time is much less than might have been expected from so long a Siege and so warm a fire as we have sustained, expecially [*sic*] as we are not provided with any Bomb Proof Lodgments except that which we have made an Hospital; We doubt not our Men will preserve the same spirit to the last Extremity & if the place should at Length be reduced we flatter ourselves it will be so dear a purchase to the Enemy as will put it out of their Power to undertake any thing against the other Precedencies.

But we hope our Efforts will be attended with such success as to oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege in which case your early Arrival on the Coast will be necessary to prevent fresh Attempts after the Return of their Squadron from the Islands. And we hope the Gentlemen at Bombay will take the Opportunity of sending us a strong Reinforcement of Men as well as a plentiful supply of Gunpowder, Shot, Shells and other Military Stores of which we have had a very large expence.

We are with the Utmost Respect & Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort S^t^ George
26 January 1759

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S^ BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

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To

THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR
AND THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE
AT FORT WILLIAM

Gentlemen

Our Letter to Colonel Forde of the 17th: December of which he has forwarded Copies to you will acquaint you of our being Invested by the French Army. The Houses of the Black Town not being yet demolish'd to the intended Distance gave them an Opportunity of opening Ground and erecting their first Battery with [*in*] 450 Yards of the foot of the Glacis, We gave what Interruption we could to their Works by the Fire from the Fort and it was the 2d of this Month before they returned a single Shott or Shell. That morning they began to Fire from 3 Guns and Six Mortars the Guns were soon silenc'd but they continued throwing Shells the whole Day this however appeared to be intended only to cover an Attack they made that Morning upon a Body of Seapoys from Trichenopoly which join'd by a few Europeans from Changleput had advanc'd within Six Miles of us. The 6th: they opened their Batteries against the Fort and ever since we have had a Continual Fire both of Shott & Shells which have laid almost the whole town in Ruins disabled 26 Pieces of Cannon and 3 Mortars but have not had the Effect of distroying our Defences; The Enemy have nevertheless advanced their Trenches quite up to the Crest of the Glacis where they are now making a Battery in Breach; Our Situation is therefore exceeding critical.

Two Pattamars from Bombay have brought us Advice of the Arrival there of Mr. Tiddeman's Squadron on the 14 November and Mr Pocock's on the 25th: of the same Month. The first is a most unacountable Deviation but if they had been order'd to leave that Place again after a few days Refreshment, which we think might have suffic'd as they had made some stay at Goa they might yet have arrived here in time to prevent the Danger to which this Settlement is now exposed, and the immence Loss which the Company and every Inhabitant will sustain whether the Place is taken or not. For the Cloth Warehouse and almost every Building in the Town have been distroyed by the Shells, and the Goods that were in them either consum'd by the Flames or buried under the Ruins ?

The Warren's going to Bengal with the Detachment of Kings Troops she had on board for this Garrison, is another extraordinary Proceeding and her long stay there will expose not only those Troops but the Ship and Cargoe to the Risque of being taken by those of the Enemy which now block up our Road. In short Mr. Lally has had the Good Fortune to see every one circumstance turn out exactly as he could have wish'd to favor his Attempt. About the 1st. December he received advice from Goa of our Squadron under the Command of Mr. Tiddeman being there, and it was this Ditermined him to march directly against Madras; Before any Vessel of ours appeared the Ship he expected from Mazulipatam with Artillery and Stores joined him. The next day the 23d December the Thames Captain Wedderburn loaded with Provisions for the Garrison came without opposition into the Road, The French Ship being neither in the Condition nor the Intention to mind any thing except the landing her Stores; but upon her getting under Sail the 24th: to come nearer into her Station, The Thames weigh'd also and disapeared. Fortunately we had laid in a sufficient stock of Provisions. The 8th Instant a Frigate of Twenty Guns arrived from Pondicherry, and the next day the Bristol and a Country Ship, all with supplies of Stores. The Ganges Captain Duncan who appeared of [*sic*] Pulicat the 20th: might have been of some Service if she had waited there & join'd the Warren and any other Ships that may arrive, but he no sooner heard of our Circumstances than he stood of [*sic*] the Coast again with all the sail he could set. Colonel Forde has received advice of our being actualy besieg'd but he write [*sic*] Us the frhis Orders from you so positively forbid his coming here that he must wait for fresh Instructions ?

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Under all these Discouragements we have the pleasure to see the whole Garrison do their Duty with the utmost chearfulness and spirit Our loss to this time is much less than might have been expected from so long a Siege & so warm a fire as we have sustain'd, especially as we are not provided with any Bomb Proof Lodgments except that which we have made an Hospital. We doubt not our Men ever preserve the same spirit to the last extremity, and if the Place should at Length be reduced we flatter ourselves it will be so dear a purchase to the Enemy as will put it out of their Power to undertake any thing against the other Precedencies.

But we hope our Efforts will be attended with such Success as to oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege, In such Case all the supplies you can possible [*sic*] spare us of Gunpowder, Shott, Shells and other Military Stores will be very necessary, as well as a Reinforcement of Men, unless Colonel Forde is already order'd to join us These Supplies will be necessary to repair our Losses and enable us to make head against the fresh Armaments the Enemy expect this Year from Europe.

Large Supplies of Provisions will also be very necessary as the Ravages the Country has Undergone threaten a severe Famine.

Your favor of the 23^{d} December ℔ Cuddalore [Schooner] has been forwarded to us from Pulicat where that Vessel arrived some Days ago.

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S^{t}. George
26 January 1759

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To CAPTAIN PRESTON — 27th January 1759

Sir

I have received no Letter from you since the 22^{d}. but we perceiv'd the day before Yesterday about 10 in the Morning a large smoak to the Westward and a Fire at night which we Concluded to be your Signal. I have therefore been in continual expectation of receiving notice from you of your Intentions, but I fear some of your Letters have been intercepted; Intelligence is brought me that the Enemy has detached Three hundred Men, besides their Horse, to oppose you; but I conclude your own People will give you more certain accounts both of their Numbers and Rout as they will go backwards and forwards with Less Difficulty than the Hircars from hence can.

I wait with Anxiety for Information of your Designs, that I may do what may be expedient to promote your Success.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

THE SAME TO USOFF CAWN

N. 201.

[*See page 68.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Dated 23^{d} Received 27th Jan^{y}. 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter of the 14th on the 22^{d} Instant advsing me to inlist horsemen. I lately wrote to you of all the Circumstances and

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hope you are acquainted with them. I and Captain Preston shall arrive at Tervalore tomorrow and be at S^{t} Thomé the next day By the Blessing of God and your pleasure By our Schemes I shall punish the Enemy properly in a Short time, You may believe that I shall soon be there.

What can I say more?

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 23^{d} Received the 27th January 1759.

I had the happiness to receive your Letter dated the 20th on this Day the 23^{d} advising me to come towards you with a proper Army jointly with Abdul Bob Cawn and execute the orders mentioned in Your Letter of the 17th. I according [*sic*] arrived this Day at Terpasore [*sic*] at the head of the Army, in Conjunction with Abdul Bob Cawn. To Morrow I shall proceed from hence to go to Tervalore and By the Blessing of God shall arrive in the plains in your Parts after tomorrow Abdul Bob Cawn out of regard to the old Friendship & Union of the Company and taking to heart being engage'd in War and in great pain for the support of the Government of the Country & his Family and thinking that it was not proper for him to withdraw himself at the Juncture Join'd with his Army in order to Punish and Expell the Enemy, who will in a short time be defeated and Ruin'd.

I and Abdul Bob Cawn will soon arrive, you may enter into such Method as to preserve yourselves and the Fort on my part I shall [*sic*] according to your Letter of the 17th. Captain Preston is very industrious and a Good Man and takes great pains Night and Day in the Company's Business.

What can I say more?

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[*See page 68.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON

Camp by Terpasore Jan^{y}. 25th 1759

Honble Sir

I just now received your Letter of the 23 Instant and have the Satisfaction to inform you that we are now at hand to assist you with a very formidable Force. We shall in another week too, be join'd by Najah Bully Cawn with all his Force from the Northward about this Place, & Poondamulla our Horse have already got us near 3000 Head of Cattle and the Enemy must immediatly bid Adieu to any further supplies of Provisions but what they fight for: while [*sic*] will be constantly well furnish'd by the Poligars. I hope Sir, you have received the Letter I forwarded you of Major Caillauds; wherein he informed you of the 1st Division of our Fleet having sail'd the 31st. Ultimo from Anjengo for Madras: so that I think I may now congratulate you of its being very near there. Wishing you abundance of Success

I remain
Honble Sir
Your respectfull and faithful
Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated the 25th and Received 27th Jan^{y}: 1759

I had the happiness to receive your favourable Letter of the 23^{d} with those to Abdul Bob Cawn and Captain Preston on the 25th: which are deliver'd. It gave an inexpressible joy and gladness to Abdul Bob Cawn. By the Blessing of God I shall punish the Enemy in such manner in a short time that no mark or name of them will be left, on the contrary, they will meet with Ruin and Distruction. I, Captain Preston and Abdul Bob Cawn arrived with a large Army at Tervalore on

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this Day, being the 25th, from which Place I Detach'd a Party as far as Poonemelly who accordinly [*sic*] went and attack'd the Enemy's Guard in that place punish'd them properly and killed a good many some were wounded and others made their Escape not being able to hold out, on this, they plunder'd and brought away a number of Sheep and other eatibles belonging to the Enemy, I shall go against the Enemy tomorrow near Madras and punish them. I must repeat that I shall certainly be there tomorrow to punish the Enemy. By your honnours power those Enemys are nothing as I have gathered a large Army and am increasing it. I have wrote to all the Polygars and hope they will arrive. Nazabulla Cawn from Nellore will also come you may therefore make yourself perfectly easy. If we dont punish the Enemy where shall we have a Place to live in.

What can I say more?

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FROM ABDUL BOB CAWN — Dated the 25th Recd: 27 January 1759

The Receipt of your agreeable Letter which mentions your sincere friendship and Affection gave me so much pleasure that it is impossible for me to express the least part thereof. By the Blessing of God I arrived with a Large Army and shall punish the Enemy very soon and hope to pay you a Visit according to our Wishes, make yourself perfectly easy in every respect and be stout hearted you may believe that I shall soon be with you with the Army whatever is agreed on in Concert with Captain Preston and Mahomud Usoff Cawn, the former will advise you in Cypher. Continue to write me of your Wellfare.

What can I say more?

N. 205.

[*See page 70.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Triumliwash 27th Jany. 1759

Honble Sir

Two nights ago I acknowledged your Letter of the 23d Instant and at the same time acquainted you of our expecting Rajah Bully Cawn to join us in a few days, with a very considerable Force from the Northward; yesterday I received your Letter of the 24th; likewise one from Mr. Brooke at Pulicat, informing me of the Cuddalore Sloop Captain Baker having stopt four Vessels which were passing with Provisions to the Enemy. I wait to get Seapoys &ca from Changleput but if there is no time to be spared us from the immediate Scene of Action, you'll please immediatly to let me know so. I remain with the Sincerest Respect and the hartiest wishes for your Honour & Success

Your most humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON

Triumliwash 27 Jany. 1759

Honble Sir

I have just now received your Letter of this Morning; Usoff Cawn and I have determined not to remain here any time after we have the Seapoys &ca of Chingliput which we expect the Day after to morrow we then propose to march the way (the Reverse of Choultry plain) to the Black Town. I am with Respect

Honble Sir
Your most humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON

N. 206.

[*See page 70.*]

FROM ABDUL VAHAB CAWN — Dated 27th Recd. 28 January 175[9]

This day being the 27th I arrived and [fix'd] our Camp within 3 Coass[*sic*] from Madras and Detached the Army [under] the Command of Usoff Cawn and Barhatulla Cawn the Circars Bachshey who rode as far as Mr. Maskelynes Garden siezed

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whatever Cattle &ca they found of the Enemy and brought them away; I suppose by this Army going as far as the said Garden some confusion and apprehension must be occasioned in the Enemys Camp, make yourself perfectly easy in every Respect remain with firmness and be strong hearted. By the Blessing of God the French will be regarly [*sic*] punish'd. Whatever may be consulted and agreed on here shall be executed and you'll be also advised with it. Whatever you may think best you'll advise me likewise that I may act accordingly.

What can I say more?

N. 207.

[*See page 70.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN. Dated 27th Recd: 28th: January 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter of the 27th Instant on the same day, wherein you was pleased to say that you had not received any Letter from me since the 22d but saw a Smoke to the Westward and a Fire which you concluded to be the Signal of my Arrival. I must inform your Honour that I am Daily sending you Letters advising you with the Occurrences here, as also of my Arrival about Poonemelly, if you did not receive them I suppose they have been intercepted by the Enemy. This Day being the 27th: at 12 oClock in the Forenoon I arrived with the Army at Termelvashel 4 Cos from Madras situated on the sides of Maulrazes Woods, and having left the Camp there I rode immediatly as far as Mr: Maskelyne's Garden and plundered the Enemy's Baggage kill'd some and wounded others. A horse and some Draught Bullocks, as well as those kept for Food were seized, in order that you might be acquainted with it we set fire to 2 or 3 Huts and I suppose you have discovered it. I intend to leave the Bag &c Baggage under the Shelter of Maulraze's Woods, and before you take pains to make a Push to find an Opportunity to fall upon Lally's Mourcha whose Quarters is at Tomby Chitty's Pagoda by night thro' the Road of Tervatore and punish him, because the Enemy's Attention is towards the Fort & myself, wherefore if I on a Sudden march behind to punish him, I hope it will be agreable to you. You was pleased to say that some Soldiers and Horses were Detach'd to oppose me, if they come they will meet with proper Punishment I undergo inexpressible Hardships on Account of the Expences; Antazee Punt and Maulraze came & join'd me here, I have wrote to all the Polygars and hope they will also join me soon.

What can I say more?

N. 208.

[*See page 70.*]

TO CAPTAIN PRESTON 28th January 1759

Sir

Last night I received your Letter of the 25 & just now your two Letters of the 27th: have reach'd me the attack you propose upon the Black Town may be attended with great Difficulty as the Streets are all baricaded, whenever it is undertaken it must be seconded by a General Sally from the Garrison; but as our Letters are liable to be intercepted by which one or the other might not be apprized of the Plan and appointed Time, I think it will be more adviseable first to effect a Junction and then we might concert together with Exactitude and certainty a Time for the joint Attack. The Enemy have sent all their European and Black Horse to the Mount imagining you would march that way; now upon Intelligence of your coming to Trimlwash they have assem[bl'd] upon the Plain to the Northward of Maskelyne's Garden and there encamp'd. They are also withdrawing the Guns they had to the Southward from whence I conclude their Design is to collect their whole Force in the Black Town and the plain without it. I would therefore have you make your Push where they are least prepaired; you may march in the Night and making a Little Circuit round Egmore, enter by the Choultry Plain and Marmelan, take possession of St Thomé and join us by the way of the Sea Side.

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To divide the Enemy's Attention it may be well to send a small Party or two of Horse to begin Skirmishing to the Northward at the same time that you are marching the other Road. The sooner you make this Push the better, if you receive this Letter in Time & can get every thing in readiness it may be done even this Night, giving Notice to what you Expect from Changleput to join you at S^{t}: Thomé. This is the Plan we think the most expedient according to the present Situation of the Enemy's Troops, but if you find the entering of S^{t}: Thomé attended with any inconvenience which we do not foresee, it is left to you to join us by any other Road you think less difficult; but it is certainly adviseable that our Junction be effected before an Attempt on their Camp in the Black Town be undertaken, as the necessary Measu[re] for our joint Opperation will be better concerted.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT

N. 209.

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To ABDUL VAHAB CAWN — 28th January 1759

I had the pleasure to receive your two [Letters] one dated the 25th, the other the 27 Instant. Your Approach has [caused] great confusion to the Enemy. Their whole Body of Horse consisting of about two hundred Europeans and seven or Eight hundred Moors, encamp'd this Morning near Maskelyne's Garden. The scheme I thought most proper I have wrote to Captain Preston in Cypher who will make you aquainted with it. By the Blessing of God the Enemy will be defeated to morrow or next day, and we shall have the happiness of paying each other a Visit. The Friendship between you and the Company is establish'd with Firmness and Sincerrity. The Affairs of the Country will be regulated by our Union, and the Disturbers expell'd.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 210.

[*See page 70.*]

To USOFF CAWN — 28 January 1759.

Last night I received two Letters from you one Dated, the 23^{d} the other the 25th and just now I have received that of the 27th Your Scheme is a very good one but it will be necessary that it should be seconded by a General Sally from the Fort, and the Plan and Time will be better concerted after our Junction is effected. I have wrote to Captain Preston my Opinion more fully in Cypher that in case it should be taken it may be attended with no bad Consequence. There is no want of Money in the Fort, you shall be sufficiently supplied as soon as our Communication is open. The Enemy continue in the same Situation firing against the Fort, but all their Horse both Europeans and Blacks. are assembled upon the Plain beyond Maskelyn's Gardan [*sic*] in order to oppose your Designs I wrote to Maulrauze a few days ago by the hands of Antazee Punt and I desire you will acquaint him that if he Assists you with Zeal and Fidellity he will gain the Company's Favor.

GEORGE PIGOT

No. 211.

[*See page 71.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — Trimliwash 28 Jan^{y}: 1759

Honble Sir

I have received your Letter and Duplicate of Yesterday. We propose waiting here only for Seapoys out of Changleput and then we propose to march the Way the reverse of Choultry Plain.

———*APPENDIX No. 211.*———

A Deserter is just arrived here from the French Army. He tells me that their Men are greatly fatigued; & a vast number of them sick & Wounded, and that Mr Lally himself is out of Order. But as to any other particular worth mentioning here (excepting that they talk'd of beginning on a Battery of 22 Guns for Breaching) He assures me he cant be exact [in] having been at Madrass no Longer than 3 Days. A Fellow who deserted from you [last] Thursday Night inform'd Mr Lally that 2 of your Magazines were blown up the [preceeding] Night; that their Shells had done you a Considerable Damage, & that your People [were] out of the Fort every Night for Water.

Wishing you all imaginable Success. I remain with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

ACHILLES PRESTON.

Honble Sir

I have just now received your Letter of Yesterday but cant reply to it immediatly.

I am

Honble Sir

Your respectful Servant

JANY. 29 : 59. ACHILLES PRESTON.

The Bearer reach'd us Yesterday about 3 in the Afternoon, whatever he deserves, we beg may be paid him by you.

most [?] 11. A.M.

No. 212.

[*See page 71.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 28 Received 29 January 17[59]

I had the happiness to receive the Duplicate of your Letter dated the 27th Instant on the 28th: at 3 oClock in the Afternoon, Yesterday I received the Original Letter and return'd an Answer at the same [time by] the Nabobs Camel Man by which you'll be acquainted with [matters] there is nothing material at present to acquaint you. If any [thing happen] hereafter I shall advise you. By the Blessing of God the En[emy will] be regularly punished. Maulraze Polligar and Antazee Punt [join'd] me Yesterday but this Day they return'd again to the Pollam. [I intreated] Antazee Punt to stay here but he would by no means agree to it; [on the] Contrary went away to the Pollam along with the Polygar, because [it was] a time to gain Profit for himself had he found any Prospect of [advantage] he would have stay'd here. I must repeat that he came along [with] Polygare & return'd again.

What can I say more ?

APPENDIX No. 213.

No.

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GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE STRENGTH OF THE GARRISON

—	Officers.													Staff.							Doing Duty.									
	Lieut. Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Captane [*sic*] and Town Major.	Brigade Major and 1st Lieutt.	Captain Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Lieutenant Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeons.	Adjutants.	Qr Masters.	Chaplins.	Surgeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volantiers.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffrys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.
Troop of Horse ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	26	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	10	24	52
Ye Honbe Compys Do.	...	...	1	..	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	..	...	3	8	30
His Matys 64h Regt:	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	..	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	3	...	114	...	...	...	...	...
The Dett. of Marines.	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	3	2	...	..	50	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys	...	1	7	...	...	...	7	...	14	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	35	25	...	259	29	...	...	...	...
1st Battn.																														
Do. 2 Battn.	...	..	8	...	...	...	5	...	13	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	40	21	...	146	22	49	...	...	...
Invalids & Pensioners.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	31	18	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries ...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	21	1	1	3	19	3	30	7	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	116	85	53	1	627	69	49	13	32	82

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OF FORT ST. GEORGE JANUARY 29TH 1759.

Sick.									Wounded.								Sick & Wounded.					Additional Gunners & Mattrosses.	Pensioners.						Total.	Casualties.						
Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topazes.	Centinels. Coffrys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Centinels. Europeans.	Centinels. Topazes.	Centinels. Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.		Serjeants.	Corporals.	Centinels.	Artificers.	Camp Colour Men.	Invalids.	Pensioners.	Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Killed.	Deceased.	Desirted.	Received.	Removed.	Prefered.	Wounded.	Discharged.
...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	..	...	32	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	1
1	1	...	...	...	...	1	4	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	10	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	122	7	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	30	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	.	7	...	1	2	...	...	...
...	2	...	28	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	96	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	3	..	45	4	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	26	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	1	...	28	8	5	1	1	547	7	5	5	3	3	...	13	...
2	1	1	24	2	7	...	...	...	1	...	1	28	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	1	...	22	9	5	...	...	446	9	2	1	5	4	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	..	1	..	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
..	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	30	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
8	8	1	129	6	7	1	4	6	7	3	3	62	7	7	1	3	10	1	...	1	3	11	50	2	...	55	17	10	1	1	1,552	29	17 [sic.]	7	10	9	1	13	1

GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE SEAPOYS IN FORT ST GEORGE JANUARY THE 29TH: 1759.

—	Doing Duty.										On Command.					Sick.					Total.	Casuilties.			
	Commandants.	Subedars.	Jamadars.	Havildars.	Naeiks [sic].	Colourmen.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeters.	Seapoys.	Total.	Jamadars.	Havildars.	Naeiks.	Seapoys.	Total.	Jamadars.	Havildars.	Naeiks.	Seapoys.	Total.	The Amount of the Whole.	Deseased.	Deserted.	Received.	Removed.
First & Second Battalion.	2	34	112	203	162	41	30	10	1,143	1,737	1	2	2	5	10	7	9	12	109	137	1,884	22	20	53	49

ROBT. BANNATYNE,
T. Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 29 JANUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remains the 22d	Expended from the 22d to ye 29iñ.	Remains the 29 Jany 1759.
Firewood	N	12,71,915	80,902	11,91,013
Rice	Garce	70–337	6–300	64–37
Pease	Ditto	1–179	0–5	1–174
Doll	Ditto	3–365	....	3–365
Gram	Ditto	12–232	Mer. 174	12–58
Biscuits— Kings		16,000	.....	16,000
Companys		13,110	566[?]	12,554
Candles	N	6,762	2,787	3,975
Wheat— Kings	Garce	6½	...	6½
Companys	Ditto	9–246	Mer. 73	9–173
Paddy	Ditto	28–43–3	2–233–4	25–209–7
Salt Fish	N	10,591	2,485	8,106
[Ghee]	Candy	28–3–6–19½	2–3–0–3	26–0–6–10½ [16½]
[Sugar]	Ditto	36–12–5	6–16–20	29–15–10
[Arrack]— Kings	Gallons	22,000	.....	22,000
Companys		4,611	{900 / 750} 1,650	2,961
	Burst by shells	.....		
[Dive Cattle]	N	384	92	292
[Salt Beef]—Kings & Companys	lb	.....	.....	.....
Salt Pork—Kings & Companys		.....	.....	.....
Suit Ditto Ditto		.....	.....	.....
Salt	Garce	9–45–1	Mer. Me. [?] 70—7	8–274–2
Pepper	Candy	6–18–5–8	0–1–8–12	6–16–21–12
Chilly	Ditto	20–0–14–3	0–1–14–12	19–18–24–7
Tamarind	Ditto	61–5–15–5	1–18–7–0	59–7–8–5
Turmurick	Ditto	3–10–0–8	0–0–16–12	3–9–8–12
Cumming Seed	Ditto	5–17–21–4	0–0–10–0	5–17–11–4
Tobacco	Ditto	21–5–20–8	Ca. Md. lbs. 1—14—20	19–11–0–8
Beetle Nut	Ditto	11–0–2–3	Md. lb. Oz. 14—5—12	10–5–21–7
Fine Greck	Ditto	2–3–1–12	0–0–4–8	2–2–22–4
Leaves (by Tale)		43,240	24,498	18,742
Lamp Oil	Mrs.	2,204 / 165⅔ } 2,369⅔	228⅔	2,141
Recd from Wm. Percival Esqr 23 January.	...			
Gingely Oil	Mrs.	431⅓	.....	431⅓
Mustard Seed Oil	ditto	1,300	.....	1,300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls Mallys Jarrs Lamps & Guglets		14,059	420	13,639
Baskets of Sorts		12,289	.....	12,289
Matts Large & Small		4,154	.....	4,154
Well Ropes		3,675	.....	3,675

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 23d TO THE 30 JANUARY 1759.

		Remains the 23 January 1759.	Receipts Since.	Issues Since.	Remains the 30 January 1759.
Gun Powder ...	Europe ... Barrels contg. 100 lb. Each ...	489	...	24	465
		lb.		lb.	lb.
	Country ... ditto 100 lb. do. ...	784 20	...	252 60	531 60
		lb.		lb.	lb.
	Barrels ...	1273 20	...	276 60	996 60
	Gheria ... ... Chests ...	214	...	18	196
Iron Ordnance ...	24 Pounders	48	...	Disabled 19	29
	18 ditto	17	...	Do. 1	16
	12 ditto	28	...	Do. 4	24
	9 ditto	52	...	Do. 2	50
Mortars	Brass 10 inch	3	...	Do. 1	2
	Iron 13 ditto	2	...	Do. 1	1
	10 ditto	2	...	Do. 1	1
Shott	Round 24 Pounders	8901	...	501	8400
	18 ditto	7168	...	443	6725
	12 ditto	3775	...	1,014	2761
	9 ditto	8052	...	590	7462
	6 ditto	7285	...	23	7262
	Grape 24 Pounders	765	...	86	679
	18 ditto	486	...	3	483
	9 ditto	253	...	71	182
	Partridge 12 Pounders	1419	...	188	1231
	Round fixed to Flannel Cartrdges [sic] ...				
	12 Pounders...	175	...	146	29
	6 ditto	1737	...	150	1587
	Grape Fixed to Flannel Cartridges				
	12 Pounders	154	...	57	97
	6 ditto	1111	...	309	802
Mortar Shells ...	13 inch	417	...	45	372
	10 ditto	951	...	299	652
	8 ditto	534	...	265	269
	4⅘ ditto or Cohorns	1113	...	479	634
	Hand Granadoes	2064	...	273	1791
Gunners Stores ...	Port Fires	2950	...	119	2831
	Tubes 12 Pounders	2442	...	730	1712
	6 ditto	6502	...	170	6332
Match	Country ... ... Skains ...	2950	...	51	2899
	Europe ... ... Do. ...	119	...	14	105
Firelocks ...	Brass Musketoons ... ... prs.	16	...	13	3
	Iron ditto	4	...	4	...
	Fuzees with Bajonets	41	...	3	38
	Bajonet Pieces New	1509	...	249	1260
	Ditto. Ditto. Repaired	193	...	51	142
	Muskets without Bajonets Repaired	318	..	5	313
	Pistols with Ribs ... ... prs.	278	...	8½	269½
	Ditto without do. ... ... Do.	16½	...	1	15½
	Carbines	75	...	12	63
Small Arms ...	Brass Basket hilted Swords	345	...	44	301
	Halberts	22	...	17	5
Armoury Stores ...	Flints	477,741	...	2000	475, 741
	Bajonet Belts	177	...	20	157
	Sword Belts	105	...	1	104
	Cartridge Boxes Europe	126	...	4	122
	Country...	93	...	34	59
	Buff Sword Belts	520	...	40	480
Armoury Petty Stores.	Gun Ramers...Country	273	...	140	133
	Hammers	175	...	140	35
	Pickers		140	140	...
	Worms	931	...	140	791
General Stores ...	Sand Bags	7443	12,000	9100	10,343
	Hand Cuffs... ... ... prs.	196	...	30	166
	Shackles ... ... Do.	353	...	30	323

N.B.—All other Articles of Military Stores remaining are particularized in the General Report of the 12 Decemr. and the Weekly Reports since delivered in.

FORT ST GEORGE 30 JANY 1759
Chs Bourchier
Milily Storekr.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE FROM THE 23[D] TO THE 29[TH] JANUARY 1759 BOTH DAYS INCLUDED.

Days	Europeans								Seapoys							
	Sick				Wounded				Sick				Wounded			
	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharg'd	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharg'd	Remains	Received	Dead	Discharged
23[d] ...	83	2	...	2	71	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	40	3	...	...
24 ...	83	5	...	1	73	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	43	2	1	...
25 ...	87	1	2	...	81	10	...	2	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...
26 ...	86	2	2	...	89	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	44	1	...	...
27 ...	86	5	...	1	92	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	45	1	...	...
28 ...	90	2	1	...	94	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	46	2	...	1
29 ...	91	1	...	...	94	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...

ROB[T]. TURING,
Surgeon.

N. 217.

[*See page 73.*]

30[th] January 1759

TO THE COMMANDER OF THE SHIP COMING IN FROM THE SOUTH EAST

Sir

Fort S[t]. George has been for seven Weeks invested by the French Army and both the Ships you see are French which came Loaded with Stores, one an old Dutch Indiaman which they took, the other a Frigate of Eighteen Guns. The former seems to have about twenty Guns mounted but has very few Europeans on board. As the supplies you have on board, especially Military, will be of great service to us you must run all risques to get into the Road. If the Ships weigh to oppose you make a Running Fight and anchor under the Guns of the Fort between the Sea Gate and the Southermost Bastion by which you will be sufficiently protected. I write this upon the supposition that you are a Merchant Ship, if on the Contrary you have [*sic*] a Ship of War you will have no difficulty in overcoming both those of the Enemy.

I shall send off presently two or three Massoolah's for fear the Cattamaran should be intercepted by the Frigate the Boats will have in them some Seamen left here by the Squadron.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 218.

[*See page 73.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGGLIS Ship Shaftesbury January 30[th] 1759

SIR

We left Bombay the 18[th] of December under Convoy of the Queenborough of 20 Guns & Revenge Company's Ship with the Winchelsea, Britannia, Prince

———*APPENDIX No. 218.*———

of Wales, and Tillbury, which Six Ships have Col^{l} Draper's Six Company's on Board & we had 31 Sick very few of which are yet recover'd The Fleet left us the 7 Instant off of Zeloan, I did not expect to be here the first Ship, but you may hourly expect the rest of the Ships, shall get under your Guns to morrow morning, if not to night; the Bearer brings the Company's Packet & Letters & a list of our Cargoe.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
CORN^{s}. INGLIS.

N. 219.

[*See page 73.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON 30th January 1759

Sir

Last night I received your Letters of the 28th and a Short one of the 29th acknowledging the receit of mine of the 28th to which I have not yet received any further Answer.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Shaftesbury arrived here this Evening from Bombay the other Ships with the rest of the Regiment are hourly expected.

I yet continue to think that the Plan I pointed out to you is the properist & I hope nothing will prevent you being able to put it into immediate execution.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORG^{E} PIGOT.

Acquaint Abdul Vahab Cawn & Usoff Cawn of this News which I would write to them myself but that I am unwilling to detain the Hircar.

N. 220.

[*See page 76.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 31st January 1759 @ 5 o Clo : A.M.

Sir

I judge that the Enemy, by the appearance of your Ship last night, took her for a Man of War. It will be usefull if we can keep them still deceived, for which purpose I intend to fire a Salute of 13 Guns at Sun rise, and you will return the same Number. They have a Single Gun to the Southward near a Mile off from which you may expect a Random Shot or two.

We shall fire from the North Front of the Fort Remember to keep up your Blue Ensign and Pendant.

I am
Sir
Your most obed^{t} Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 221.

[*See page 76.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS Ship Shaftesbury 31st January 1759

Sir

I was favoured with yours this Morning which prevented my Saluting wait ing for yours According to your order The Guns from both Sides have done us a good deal of Damage this Morning which made me run further out to save my

———*APPENDIX No. 221.*———

People I see the Frigate that past us last night standing in again. I wait your further Orders and Am

Sir
Your most Obed^{t} Servant
Corn^{s} Inglis.

N. 222.
[*See page 76.*]

Captain Inglis 31st January 1759 8 o Clo : A.M.

Sir

I observe in the List of your Cargo 250 Hand Granades & a Chest of Fuzes mark'd M S N 9 these will be of particular Use to us & I desire you will send them by this Boat, As Opportunities Offers send the other small Shells.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot.

N. 223.
[*See page 76.*]

From Captain Inglis Ship Shaftesbury 31st Jan^{y}. 1759

Sir

The Fuzes and Hand Granades you write for, being at the Bottom of the Ship cannot be come at till so many things are upon Deck as will make it impossible to use our Guns, if you judge us in no Danger from these two Ships, please let me know & we shall go to work to get them as soon as possible.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed^{t} humble Servant
Corn^{s} Inglis

We see 5 Sail to the Northward from our Mast head which [*sic*] hope are the expected Fleet.

N. 224.
[*See page 76.*]

To Captain Inglis 31st January 1759 ½ Past 10 o Clo : A.M.

Sir

I beleive the Ship to the Southward is the French Frigate upon the Return if you continue at the Distance you are from the Shore I think the two Ships will certainly attack you. It will be better therefore to run or warp in again you may lay much nearer than you was before and Anchor a Little to the Northward of our Southermost Bastion ; The Shot from the Southward may do you some Damage, but their Battery is at so great a Distance it must be a very uncertain Fire ; In the Evening I'll send you such other Orders as shall appear necessary upon the Motions of the Enemy's Ships. In the mean time give me your Opinion whether you can without Danger weigh in the Night and proceed to Pulicat where I hourly expect the Warren, Hardwick & other Ships, I have just received your Letter by the Cattamaram and am

Sir
Your most Obed^{t} Servant
George Pigot

N. 225.
[*See page 76.*]

From Captain Inglis Ship Shastesbury [*sic*] Jan^{y}. 31. 1759

Sir

If I find the Frigate comes in with the Sea Wind & the other Ship should weigh with a Design to Attack me together, shall get the Anchor up and come in

——*APPENDIX No. 225.*——

again as you direct. I wrote you by the Massoolah that the Fuzees and Hand Granades could not possible [*sic*] be come at with[*out*] lumbering our Guns with things that must come out of the Hold, I think I could safely go to Pulicat, where I could shift the Ship & come at every thing. We see from our Mast head 5 Sail coming in from the Northward which I hope are the expected Fleet.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
CORN^{s}: INGLIS

N. 226.

[*See page 76.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 31st January 1759 past 4 o Clo: P.M.

Sir

I received the Letter you wrote me, As the Men you have on board are none of them fit for duty, and such of the Stores as would be of Use to us are not to be got at without much Difficulty and more time which will subject you to great Danger, I would have you make use of the most favourable Opportunity to proceed to Pullicat and wait there till you hear again from me or till you are join'd by the Warren or some other of the Company's Ships.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 227.

[*See page 76.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS Ship Shaftesbury Jan^{y}: 31st 1759

Sir

I can now see no safety in going out, they have fill'd both Ships full of Men this Forenoon, and with 12 Massoolah's full of Men design'd to board us which made me stand out, I am now as near the Shore as possible, & think has no safety but from your Guns, they have Cut our Rigging a good Deal. I have on board 32 Chests Treasure for China besides the five for this place. I am fully persuaded they'll Board us to night, or the South Battery will sink us, Your immediate orders will be very agreable to

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
CORN^{s} INGLIS.

N. 228.

[*See page 76.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS

31st January 1759: 7 o Clo: P.M.

Sir

I have just received the Letter you sent me by your Officer. The Boats you was Apprehensive of, went away to the Southward without calling on Board their Ships, I do not think they will attempt to Board you; they have no men to spare for such Enterprizes as there is besides a great Chance of their not succeeding. If the Enemy's Ships should move, or the Land Wind give you an Opportunity of getting away I would have you by all means proceed to Pulicat, but if you find that not practable, [*sic*] and any Attempt should be made by the Enemy; it will be certainly better to run the Ship ashore when you find yourself hard pres'd, than suffer her to fall into the Enemy's hands however the longer you can Ride it out the Better as every hour may be expected to bring in the Rest of the Fleet; as well as those which are coming from the Northward as I

———*APPENDIX No. 228.*———

wrote this Morning to Pulicat that they might safely come in imagining the Frigate was gone away.

Please to send ashore all your Treasure by these Boats, as well that intended for China as for this Place.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 229.

[*See page 76.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS — Ship Shaftesbury 31st Jany.
Sir — 1759 ½ past 8

This Boat brings 10 Chest of Treasure, one of which Iron Bound with Locks containing 9614 Arcot Rupees, I take the Liberty to recomend to your Care on my Account. The Marks and Numbers of the Company's Chests I cannot possible [*sic*] send you as I think it improper to have any Lights on board neither could I send Buoy or Buoys Ropes as I should otherwise have done in another Situation. I beg you'll send me your possitive Orders with respect to moving to night, the Enemy's Ships will not move to night, & If I lye here till Day Light the two Batteries must sink us, as we have had Several Shot this Evening between Wind and Water, and our Rigging much Damaged, if we go out there is a great odds against us of being taken by the two Ships, whether you think that risque, or running the Ship ashore most adviseable, I shall impatiently wait your determination and Orders. If I do not hear from you I am determined to Weigh with the Land Wind & fight my way thro' the two Ships unless you send me Contrary Orders, for the Batteries tear us all to Peices. Mr Brown of Colonel Drapers Battalion talking to me this Afternoon on the Quarter Deck had a Leg & Arm broke by the Southern Battery, his Leg is cut off.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
CORNE INGLIS.

N. 230.

[*See page 76.*]

TO CAPTAIN INGLIS

31st January 1759 past
Sir — 11 o Clo: at Night

I have received the Letter you wrote me this Evening by the Boats which anded the Treasure. I can only add to what I have before said to you that if you see less probability of escaping than you apprehend danger of falling into the Enemy's hands, by Weighing from the Place you lay, it will not be adviseable to attempt it. The Enemy will I think not Offer to Board you, I return the Boats to you continue to land your Cargo as you find opportunity's, keep your Men as much as possible below or even send part of them ashore in the Day. The Enemy may hurt your Ship, but cant I think sink her, & will I beleive soon be tired with using their Ammunition that way.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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N. 231.

[*See page 70.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — 30th January 1759

Honble Sir

This is just to acquant [*sic*] you that we shall this night Act agreable to your Letter of the 28th.

I am
Honble Sir
Your most respectful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON

N. 232.

[*See page 76.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Dated 30 Recd 31 January 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter Dated the 28 on the 29 at 3 oClock in the Afternoon at Termelwashel. Captain Preston has wrote to you all matters in full in Cypher to which I refer you. This Day being Tuesday the 30 Instant, I marched from Termelwashel and arrived in the Village of Colatore 2 Coasts [*sic*] from Madrass, if any thing happens hereafter I shall advise you.

What can I say more.

N. 233.

[*See page 76.*]

TO CAPTAIN PRESTON — 31st January 1759: 8 at Night

Sir

I wrote you last night of the Arrival of the Shaftesbury one of the Fleet from Bombay, but the Hircar return'd with the Letter, not being able to pass the Enemy's Guards: To.Day the two French Ships attack'd the Shaftesbury and oblig'd her to run close under our Guns wher [*sic*] however she is much incommoded by the Shot from the Shore especially the two Guns to the Southward of the Bar.

This Morning the Enemy opened a four Gun Battery upon the Crest of the Glacis, but so ill constructed that it has done us no Damage and they were soon obliged to shut up their Embrazures.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 234.

[*See page 78.*]

TO CAPTAIN INGLIS — 1st February 1759: 9 oClo: A.M.

Sir

Your Officer has informed me that your People are unwilling to continue on Board, it is natural that they should be a Little Alarm'd, but as I observe the Enemy have slakened their Fire from the Northern and Southern Battery's and the Shot from ther [*sic*] Ships must be very uncertain, your People will I hope with your Good Example resume their Resolution. The Enemy I am persuaded have not any superfluouse Ammunition and when they observe that you seem to pay but little regard to their Fire, will desist. I would not have you imagine I think too slightly of your danger, but at the same time I beleive your people would suffer much more here from Shot & Shells as We have no Bomb Proof Places.

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You will I flatter myself be able to persuade your People that the Fleet may hourly be expected as well as the Ships from Bengal and the Instant they appear the French Ships must be obliged to move off or will become prizes; I am

Sir,
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 235.

[*See page 78.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS — Ship Shaftesbury 1st Febr. 1759

Sir

Every Man on board is determined to stay by me to the Last and it's with Difficulty I can get them to keep below, out of the way of the Shot, We have three Shot between Wind and Water which begins to keep our Pump Going. The Europe Powder is the only thing at hand the Southern Battery is our greatest Plague, the Frigate is gone there with what design I can't tell; shall wait your further Orders as Opportunity Offers.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
CORNe INGLIS.

My Masts and Rigging will be Ruined

N. 236.

[*See page 78.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS — Ship Shaftesbury 1 Febr. 1759:

Sir — 10 at Night.

Both the North and South Bastions have done me a great deal of Damage to day, they have deeply wounded my Main Mast and cut our Rigging very much two days more such hot Work will make me a Wreck, but better so than fall into the Enemy's hands which I will take care she shall not, all this Afternoon they have sent Us Red hot 24 Pounders. This Day our Carpenters Mate was killed at the Pumps and some Wounded. The South Battery send their Shot thro' and thro us, I hope our Fleet will not be much longer of coming in, shall send part of our Cargo by every opportunity. This Boat brings 16 Barrels Cannon Powder, I wish I had nothing but the two Ships to Cope with I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant
CORNe INGLIS.

N. 237.

[*See page 79.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON — 1st February 1759: 1 in ye Morn:

Sir

I wrote to you the 30th advising of the Arrival here of the Shaftesbury one of the Fleet from Bombay, having parted from the rest which are Hourly expected, and Yesterday I advised you that both the French Ships attack'd the Shaftesbury who was oblig'd to run in close under the Guns of the Fort where however her Situation is not very easy, as some of the Enemy's Guns from the Northward, as well as those two by the Fishing Huts on the other side the Bar to the Southward are brought to bear on her, the Hircar who went with these two Letters return'd just now acquainting me that he was stop'd by the Enemy's Guards, and oblig'd to destroy the Letter. I have received yours of the 30th: and shall expect to see something of your Motions when the Day breaks. Yesterday the Enemy opened a Battery of 4 Guns upon the Crest of the Glacis, but their Embrazures being injudiciously

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out they did us little Damage. Acquaint Usoff Cawn and Abdul Vahab Cawn wth: the News. I do not write to them being unwilling to detain the Hircar, let you [*sic*] Efforts be made with all expedition.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 238.

[*See page 80.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS — 2^{d} February 1759 : 9 in the Morning.

Sir

As both the French Ships have stood away to the Northward, I should think that if you find your Ship in Danger from the Shott of the Batteries you may venture to haul a Little off leaving an Anchor by which you may be able to warp in again in the Evening, in case the wind should not serve. If you can join two or three Cables together, it will carry you pretty well out of Reach of the Batteries, or at least by altering your station you will get out of the Line of Fire, and it may be some time before they will find the Direction again.

We are in want of Spikes, Hammers, small scales & Weights and Muscovy Lights and other Lanthorns. I shall be oblig'd to you if you will supply us with what you can spare; also all the Venegar that is to be found in Your Ship which will be of great use in our Hospital.

Send ashore the Cask of Fuzees and Chest of Medicines as soon as Possible. I am

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS — Ship Shaftesbury January 2^{d}: 1759

Sir

Of the three Boats come off for the Honble Company's Goods one brings the sick Soldiers who being below in our Cable Teers were greatly in our way. The other two I must keep some time to carry out a Warp for going further out, for every Boat belonging to the Ship is either Sunk or rendered useless. I should be glad of a Massoolah to tend the Ship Day and Night in case of any accident for these Red Hot Shot or the Shells they throw at us in the Night may sett us on Fire & I have no Boats to save the People's Lives. The Shott from the Batteries have been slacker to day than Yesterday & I [hope] will be more so tomorrow. They have been very busy all Day with Boats to and from the Large Ships. I cant guess the meaning unless they are relanding their Men and Guns which I hope is the case. I am

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
CORN^{s}: INGLIS.

N. 240.

[*See page 80.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON — 1st February 1759.

Honble Sir

I addres'd you Yesterday to acquaint you that as we were marching the Day before Yesterday, there was posted a Party of the Enemy, which at that Juncture

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it would have been imprudent to have attempted forcing; And we have since been oblig'd to postpone our intended Rout for want of Rice: an Article which I was assure'd by Usoff Cawn before we came this way, we should be amply supply'd with by the Poligars. Indeed they promised us all the service in their Power; tho' I have'nt found as Yet they have been of the least to us. This Night or tomorrow Night at furthest I hope will be able to march on again. Depend upon't, Sir, will be as expeditious as possible. I have received your Letter of this Morning. That you wrote me Yesterday I have not received. And the one I addressed to you is brought back to me: I congratulate you, Sir on the present prospect of Relief I am

Honble Sir
Your very faithful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

N. 241.

[*See page 80.*]

From ABDUL VAHAB CAWN — Dated 1st Received 2d February 1759

This day your Letter to Captain Preston was brought safe he read it to me, and I was exceeding glad to know the Contents of it. I have firm hopes in God that the rest of the Ships will soon arrive. It was adviseable for us to take possession of the Enemy's Districts in our way hither, in which Case they would have been Distressed and the Provisions easily brought to the Camp, but as your Letters came repeatedly to Captain Preston, advising us to come with all possible speed, we arrived here by long stages but they did not act from any place. Now it is very difficult to get provisions, for which reason the People of the Army suffer great hardships. As to the Enemy they dont move from the place of their Encampment. That we may engage them, they only come in a small number as Patroling or Flying Parties and they are punish'd by us. The 29th of the last Month and the 1st Instant February we seized about 40 Horse of the Enemy there has happened no other engagement than that with the Flying Parties. For want of Provisions the People of the Army suffer very much. I need not urge to you concerning the Polygars Friendship, for they are Friends for Food only. As to the Country Troops it is well known that if they are put to hard Duty, they will disperse, then it will be a hard matter to collect them again, you must be sensible of this wherefore it will be adviseable to put them to their Duty on an Easy footing. By the Blessing as the coming of the Ships is now begun You'll order Soldiers to be Landed on the sea Side towards our Camp, that they may easily join our Army then we can both do a great deal, I write to you what I thought proper, but you may let me know what you think adviseable that I may act accordingly.

What can I say more.

In Abdul Vahab Cawns own hand

For other Matters I refer you to the Letters sent to you by Usoff Cawn & Captain Preston Please to send an Answer soon.

N. 242.

[*See page 80.*]

Dated the 1st & Recd. 2d February 1759

FROM USOFF CAWN

I was exceeding Glad to hear of the Arrival of a Ship By the Blessing of God the other Ships will arrive in a Day or two and the Enemy will meet with deserv'd Punishment, and be sent into the abyss of Hell. I march'd from Termelwashel and arrived at Colatore but could not proceed forward by reason of the Paddy Fields and Morasses wherefore I return'd from hence to the Village of Polley. This day being the 1st of February, some European and Black Horse appeared in sight but we punish'd them severely and kill'd about 40 Black and 4 or 5

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of the European Horsemen took Ten Black Horsemen Prisoners and seized 24 Horse besides which we Wounded some Men and the rest not being able to hold out made their Retreat. In the same Manner I seized about 15 Horses of the Enemy the Day before Yesterday. Had the Enemy come with a Body to oppose me, I would have punish'd them in a regular manner, but they dont detach from their Quarters, for which reason we must wait for an Opportunity to act accordingly, for you must be sensible of the Circumstances of the Country Troops and I take easy Measures to employ them were they put upon hard Duty and any thing happens to them it will be attended with great Difficulty to gather them again wherefore we should by easy Methods engage them to do their Duty. There is a great scarcity of Provisions in the Camp and if any part of the Country remained under our Government, Provisions will be undoubtedly brought, and the Business is carried on to this Day with whatever Provisions we brought along with us. I beg leave to inform you of what occurs to my mind upon the Occasion, To wit, As the road for the coming in of the Ships is now open you may land some Soldiers and send them by the Sea side that I may join them & punish the Enemy. There is no Occasion to send out Soldiers from the Fort. The Ships may seperately land Men to join us by the Road on the Sea Side which will be attended with a great advantage; I took the Liberty to advise you what I thought, but beleive me to be obedient to your Orders to act as you may direct, Antazee Punt came to us and on the same Day he return'd again, he brought not a Polygar to join us nor could supply us even with a Guide or two which I thought fit to acquaint you. Whatever Bullocks I had with me I sent to Different places to bring Provisions. just now my Hircar brought me News that the Enemy with a Design to attack me by Night had made preparations and were arrived near the River, if they do it shall be my endeavours to punish them.

N. 243.

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FROM MALRAUZE Dated Jan^{y} 29th Recived 2^{d} Feb^{y} 1759

Antazee Punt arrived near Eream to the Northward. I then sent my Vakeel Nagozey Punt with a safe Guard of Peons to conduct him safe to my Pollam, which being done the Commandant desired by a Letter to come, at Length Abdul Vahab Cawn and the Commandant march'd by the way of my Pollam. I and Antazey Punt paid them a Visit on the 27th of the last Month & we all arrived at Termelwashel on that Day. We shall employ our Amuldars in the neighbouring Districts to put a stop to the Enemy's supplies. I am now enlisting Troops and hope to devide our Forces in two or three Different Parties in a Day or Two to attack the Enemy's Army. You'll second our Attack by sending out your Troops from the Fort. When we once fall upon the Enemy, God will grant us Victory. You may be assured that I am a firm Friend and well wisher to the English. Let them support me in such manner that I may always be in readiness to serve the Company with 2,000 Peons.

N.B. The Bearer the Agent from Malrauze says that his Master order'd him to request a supply of some money at least One Thousand Pagodas at present to pay the Sibbendy and to act for the Company.

N. 244.

[*See page 80.*]

TO CAPTAIN PRESTON 2 February 1759

Sir

I received just now your Letter dated the 1st. I am sensible it will be impossible for you to get provisions for the subsistance of your Army many Days, and it is for that Reason as well as others absolutely necessary you should make your Efforts without Delay. In some part or other the Enemy must weak [*sic*]; either at S$^{t.}$ Thomé, Triplicane or the Garden House you will be able to force your way; at least you must endeavour at it, let what will be the Event and if you join I can supply you both with Money and Provisions. In your present situation you

———*APPENDIX No. 244.*———

are of no kind of service to us. Yesterday the Enemy again open'd their Battery upon the Crest of the Glacis, but were oblig'd a second time to close their Embrazures.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 245.

[*See page 80.*]

To ABDUL VAHAB CAWN 2d February 1759

An Hour ago I had the Pleasure to receive your Letter dated the 1st of this Month, I make no Doubt but all our Ships will arrive in a Day or two and the Enemy will be totally routed. In the meantime your Army jointly with Usoff Cawn and Captain Preston should attack the Enemy's Parties on all sides and harrass them so that they may not be able to Carry on their Works against the Fort, By the Blessing of God there is a sufficiency of Provisions and Money in the Fort. Our speedy Junction is therefore necessary that the Occasions of the Army may be supplied.

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To USOFF CAWN 2 February 1759

Just now I received your Letter dated Yesterday. The want of Provisions in your Army is occasioned by your remaining several days in one Place. I think it most adviseable that you should endeavour without delay to force the Enemy's Parties and join us agreable to my former directions, and what I now write to Captain Preston in Cypher. Undoubtedly the rest of our Ships will arrive in a Day or two, and the Enemy will be totally ruined. In the mean time it is necessary that you should press them hard with your Army to prevent their carrying on their Works against the Fort. The Battery they last open'd was very near to our Walls but we made so warm a fire upon them that they could not maintain it. When our Junction is effected I can supply you both with money & Provisions; if you acquaint your Army with this it may be an Encouragement to them.

N. 247.

[*See page 83.*]

FROM CAPTAIN PRESTON February 3d. 1759

Honble Sir

Yesterday in the Afternoon the Enemy marched against us with a considerable large Body of Europeans, 6 pieces of Cannon and the most of their Black Army, both Foot & Horse. They drew up about 3 oClock upon a spot of Ground with some cover to it, about 1000 Yards from us which was so intercepted with Paddy Fields that their [*sic*] could be no Pushing either from one side or the other with a Probability of Success they cannonaded us with Shot of 12, 9, 6, 3 Pounders, But did us no considerable Damage by Means of our People being most of 'em under tolerable good Cover. About ¾rs past 4 they retreated with some Confusion leaving 9 Europeans & Eighteen horses dead upon the Spot, & carrying with 'em, as I am informed several wounded. We were obliged this Morning to move hither for Provisions. The Enemy I am told are encamp'd about ¾ of a Mile from where they cannonaded us; & had 2 large Guns sent them last night. I hope they'll think it worth their while to follow us.

I have Received your two Letters of Yesterday & hope you'll be assured Sir, that it wont be my fault if they're not directly complied with, I have just now too received your Letter of the 30th. With the most fervent wishes for your success I remain

Honble Sir
Your very faithful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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N. 248.

[*See page 83.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated the 3d Received 4 February 1759]

I had the happiness to receive your Letter dated the 2d Instant, in the same Evening. Yesterday at 12 o Clock at Noon Monsr: Lally &ca French Sardars marched with their Forces and 6 Guns (Viz) One 12 Pounder, One 9 Pounder and Four 3 Pounders in order to engage us and accordingly a smart action ensued at length the Enemy not being able to maintain their Ground though [*sic*] fit to make their Retreat, our Victorious Army persued and punish'd them properly, a great number of the Enemy's Seapoys, European Horse and Foot as well as Gunners, horses Bullocks belonging to the Enemy and Moorish Horses were killd. On our side 15 Seapoys one European and five Horses were killd by Shot and 5 Seapoys were wounded, Being in great want of Provisions and Money I march'd and arrived at Termelwashel this Day being the 3d Instant By the Blessing of God I shall collect Provisions and will soon come towards you.

What can I say more.

N. 249.

[*See page 83.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON February 4th 1759

Sir

As your Cannonading the 2d Instant was plainly perceiv'd from hence, I was anxious untill I received your Letter advising of your Success which reach'd me this Day at noon. I am very glad to observe your Intention to proceed without Loss of time to execute the Plan I recommended as I have great hopes it will succeed and be attended with good Consequences. If any Part of the Auxiliary Troops are unwilling to join in this Effort, you will make the Push with Usoff Cawn & the Company's Forces.

Yesterday Morning the Enemy sprung a Mine which open'd a small passage into the Ditch in the North East Angle. Their Battery upon the Crest of the Glacis has been opened every Morning since it was compleated but shut up again every day after a few hours firing. They have enlarg'd it now to five Guns. The two Guns they had to the Southward of the Bar were drawn off this Morning and their whole Force is collected in the Black Town and their Camp to the Westward I depend on your making the intended Effort without delay and am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 250.

[*See page 83.*]

To ABDAL VAHAB CAWN February 4th: 1759

This Day at noon I received the news of the Victory you obtained over the Enemy on the 2d Instant which gave me great joy [and] I write this to congratulate you upon the Occasion. As the Enemys Troop[s] are in Confusion and Discouragement by Reason of their Defeat it is a pro[per] Opportunity to execute the Plan which I recommended for our Junction which being effected your Army may be supplied with what they want and then a Scheme may be settled for a General Attack upon the Enemy [in] order to ruin them at one Blow.

N. 251.

To USOFF CAWN [*See page 83.*] 4 February 1759

This Day at noon I had the Pleasure to receive your Letter advising of the Victory you obtained over the Enemy the 2d Instant. The Loss and

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Discouragement which this Defeat has occasioned the Enemy will be a great Benefit to our Affairs and will enable you to join us [with] less Difficulty. Your Vackeel tells me that you have occasion for a supply of Money, there is no safe way of sending it to the place where you are [at] present. As soon as our Junction is Effected which I think may easily be done by the way I proposed, you shall be immediatly furnish'd with what you want. You may also be furnish'd with some days provisions. upon all accounts therefore it is proper that you act without delay in the Manner I before recommended that with our United Force the Schemes of the Enemy may be frustrated.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 252.

[*See page 83.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 4th: February 1759 @ 9 o CLO: P.M.

Sir

The Boats go off to you as Usual and I wish you co[uld] get at the Hand Granades and Eight Inch Shells as we are in immediate want of them.

The Duty of our Garrison being very severe, I have thought it neceessary [*sic*] to call for the Charty [*sic*] Party Assistance from your Ship When any Vessels appear in sight so as to make it necessary to prepare your Ship for Action. I will send off your men in time, as well as a Detachment of Military. I have order'd a Bullock to be sent off to you and will do the same every evening.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 253.

[*See page 83.*]

FROM CAPTAIN INGLIS Ship Shaftesbury Febʸ· 4th. 1759

Sir

Please inform the Governour that now as I hope I've got a little respite, shall set about getting the Shells & Granades to morrow morning & hope to have many of them by the Evening for the Boats I am very axious [*sic*] you should have them, but you must be sensible our Circumstances has rendered it impossible. My third Officer and Twenty Men come to night. I have had Six Wounded and three killed, if these are not considered in the Charter Party agreement my Ship must be left in a very defencless Condition, but that I leave it to Mr. Pigots prudence, & shall send the other nine Men if he pleases to send for them in the Morning. But as he has promised to send them off with a reinforcement from the Garrison on appearance of Danger make me extreamly easy.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
CORNS INGLIS.

4 on my Sick List.

N. 254.

[*See page 84.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 4th Recd· 5 February 1759

Your honour is sending Letters to me and Captain Preston advising us to come to you which we are very ready to do, but it will be very Difficult to proceed with the Army for the Enemy are strongly Posted on all sides of the Fort and under Shelter of the Houses and Brest Works in the Streets, should they remain in one place or Plain we should not regard it, besides they[*sic*] Enemy are appearing to face us wherever we move and bring great Guns with them, If we resolve to

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venture there is no Ammunition & Flints. When I came away from Trichinopoly I brought with me 1000 Flints some Ammunition and Cartridges, but all is expended, The latter became useless by Reason of the Difference of the English and French Muskets and even that is all expended. I brought some Cartridges from Tercalore and Elvanasore and Captain Preston supplied with some fit for English Arms and these are also gone. I have hitherto omitted to acquaint you with the foregoing Circumstances by reason of the Dangers on the Road and apprehensions that the Letters might be intercepted by the Enemy. I am hitherto imploying the Troops on their Duty in an easy way, if they were put to hard Duty and the Affair takes a Wrong turn, it will be a difficult Matter to keep them together. After the Battle at Tervambore it took up a Month with great pains and trouble to collect them again if the Affair takes a bad turn at Present (which God forbid) it will take up about as much time as before and what ever Horses have now been collected are new enlisted for when they heard the sound of Guns they grew almost senceless. You are well acquainted with the Manners of the Country Troops which it is needless for me to mention. Of the Seapoys who came along with me about 350 Good and old Servants have been kill'd from the time of my setting out from Trechenopoly. In short we must keep the Army safe and get them to serve partly by easy Methods and partly by contrivance and Terror, if you require it I and Captain Preston can arrive ourselves with you but to come with the Army at once will be attended with great Difficulty. At present I labour under so many hardships on account of the Expence of the Army as is impossible for me to express herein to you. As the Troops are Friends for Money, how long can I appease them by disappointments. The supply of Money which I received before was paid to the Seapoys, Horsemen, Kelleries &c At time of my setting out from Trithenopoly there was an Arrear of 1½ Month due to the Seapoys which I acquainted you with lately by a Letter. I resolved at Present to go to S$^{t.}$ Thomas's Mount and from that place to send for Ammunition Flints &c^{a} Stores from Changleput and then endeavour to do the Business soon I write to what I design but am obedient to your Orders. Yesterday the Enemy march with a large Force and opposed us but met with a severe Punishment which gave great Courage and spirit to the Army By the Blessing of God their courage will be increased and the Business will be dispatchd according to your Orders. This Day 2 French Deserters came hither they tell us as well as our Hircars that Mons^{r} Lally, Bussy, Razally Cawn &ca were present in the Action Yesterday an [*sic*] the head of an Army consisting of all the Moors and European Horse as well as all the Seapoys and 800 European Foot with 6 Guns and that many of them were killed which I thought fit to advise you.

N. 255.

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To Captain Preston 5 February 1759 : 5 A.M.

Sir

I have just received a Letter from Usoff Cawn dated the 3^{d} Instant representing the many Difficulties with which the proposed Effort is attended, One of the Hircars who had a Letter from you, says that he was oblig'd to distroy it being in great Danger of being taken by the Enemy's Guards. I have wrote in Answer to Usoff Cawn that his Difficulties as to Money & Provisions will increase daily and that our immediate Junction is the only Remedy, I am well persuaded that a Vigorous Rush to do the Business at once without stoping any where would succeed as the Enemy would not have time to collect together a strong Force and post themselves in your way. On all accounts it must be immediatly attempted and if you effect it I can sufficiently supply you with Money, Ammunition, and Provisions.

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

George Pigot.

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To USOFF CAWN 5 February 1759; 5 A.M.

I have this Moment received your second Letter of the 3d of this Month. The Difficulties you mention will increase every day. If you make a Vigorous and Quick Effort to join us I doubt not you will meet with Success but it must be done at one Blow without stoping any where. I can then supply you sufficiently with Money, Ammunition and Provisions. The longer you delay, the greater will be your Difficulties, of which you must be sensible by what has already happen'd.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 85.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON February 5th: 1759

Sir

* N.B. Only ten went.

Upon the sight of your Flag at the Mount I ordered * twenty of the Troop to be got ready and to make a Push under Command of Captain Vasserot to yoin [*sic*] you. Each Man carries five hundred Pagodas to supply the present Occasions of your Army: The French Horse remain'd encamp'd to the North West and no Motions of Consequence have been observed to Day. Their Posts to the Southward are at present all weak, and I would have you for that Reason make your Effort this Night by the way of St. Thomé or any other Road you shall judge best from your Intelligence. If you defer it the Enemy will have time to assemble and Strengthen their Posts besides which you may be distress'd for Provisions. The two French Ships, and all their small Vessells sailed this Morning. We do not yet know the Occasion of it but have good Reason to hope is it [*sic*]from Intelligence they have received of the Approach of our Fleet. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 85.*]

To ABDUL VAHAB CAWN February 5th: 1759

† N.B. Only ten went.

I have the pleasure to see the Flag of your [Arrival] at the Mount and immediatly I ordered an Officer and † twenty European Horse to go and join you and to conduct you by the best Road to Madras. To morrow I hope we shall have the Happiness of [paying] each other a Visit.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 85.*]

To USOFF CAWN February 5th: 1759

‡ N.B. Only ten went.

As soon as I saw the Signal of your Arrival at the mount I ordered an Officer and ‡ twenty Troopers to go & Join you and I have sent ten Thousand Pagodas for your expences. This will in some Measure satisfy your People, and I would have you March this Night for Madras by the way of St Thomé or otherwise as you think best by the Intelligence you get of the Enemy. I have observed no Motion to day. Their Camp remains to the Northwest. By all means you must march this Night, that the Enemy may not have time to Assemble ther [*sic*] Troops to oppose you.

GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 85.*]

Ship Shaftesbury 5th Febru^{y}· 1759

Sir

We have had a good Riddance of the French Ships this Morning, and hope the Fleet will arrive before they can Return, I thought it better to return the two Boats with what is come to hand & Nine more men, to make up the Number in the Charter Party, than keep them along side all Day, and shall have a Loading for them when they return in the Evening. We are repairing our Long Boat on board, & beg you'll please to order her Oars off by the Boats in the Evening. As you are so good as to order Beef off for us every Evening 110 lb^{s}: will be sufficient for us at present every Day; having enough for to morrow shall not want any before to morrow Evening.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed^{t} humble Servant
Corn^{s} Inglis.

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GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE STRENGTH OF THE

	OFFICERS.																			
													Staff							
	Lieutenant Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captain & Town Major	Captain & Brigade Major	Captain Lieutenants	Lieutenants	2d Lieutenants	Ensigns	Lieutenant Fireworkers	Adjutant	Surgeons	Adjutant	Quarter Masters	Chaplain	Surgeons Mate	Commissary	Clerk of Stores	Conductors	Volunteers
Troop of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	...
The Honble Compys : Artillery ...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
His Majestys 64th Regiment ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Detachment of Marines	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Compys : 1st Battn : ...	...	1	7	...	...	...	8	...	12	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do 2nd Do ...	...	...	8	...	...	...	2	...	11	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Invalids & Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	21	1	1	3	16	3	26	7	2	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	1

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GARRISON OF FORT ST GEORGE FEBRUARY 5TH 1759.

DOING DUTY										SICK										WOUNDED																		TOTAL	CASUALTIES						
				Centinels						Centinels										Centinels										Pioneers															
Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Farriers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffreys	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffreys	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffreys	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Additional Gunrs & Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Centinels	Artificers	Camp Colour Men	Invalids	Prisoners	Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers	Killed	Deceased	Deserted	Received	Removed	Preferred	Wounded	Discharged
1	3	1	1	26	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	..	.	.	..	..	...	...
4	3	3	..	...	...	...	8	23	45	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	2	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	5	12	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	120	2	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	26	1	...	..	...	...	...	..	1	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	3	11	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	58	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
9	...	4	...	109	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180		2	..	27	...	...	...	...
2	3	...	..	48	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	..	22	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	93	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	33	24	...	243	28	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	45	3	...	...	...	...	3	1	3	24	2	...	...	...	..	23	...	...	33	7	5	1	3	524	13	3	1	...	6	...	...	...
35	41	21	...	133	23	53	...	..	..	2	..	1	29	1	6	...	...	...	1	1	1	32	3	4	...	...	...	19	2	...	21	7	5	...	...	441	4	2	..	8	7	...	...	...
3	2	.	...	31	18	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	.	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	1	...	...	1	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
113	87	53	1	591	69	53	11	30	71	12	8	1	156	4	6	1	3	12	5	3	4	66	8	4	4	8	23	43	2	...	61	14	10	1	4	1542	20	11	1	35	13	...	...	...

GENERAL RETURN OF THE SEAPOYS FORT ST GEORGE FEBRUARY 5TH: 1759.

—	Doing Duty										On Command					Sick & Wounded						Total	Casualties			
	Commandants.	Subedars	Jamedars	Havildars	Naicks	Colour Men	Tom Toms	Trumpeter	Seapoys	Total	Subedars	Jamedars	Havildars	Naicks	Seapoys	Subedars	Jamedars	Havildars	Naicks	Seapoys	Total	The Amount of the Whole	Killed	Deserted	Received	Removed
First & Second Battalion.	2	32	99	180	150	39	31	9	1055	1598	...	2	2	3	6	...	25	30	27	170	265	1863	6	3	6	...

ROBT. BANATYNE,
T. Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 5 FEBRUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remaing ye 29th.	Expended from the 29th to the 5 Instant	Remaing the 5 Febry. 1759
Firewood	N	11,91,013	70,899	1,120,114
Rice	Garce	64-37	6-66	57-371
Pease	Ditto	1-174	0-4	1-170
Doll	Ditto	3-365	...	3-365
Gram	Ditto	12-58	0129	11-329
Biscuits — Kings	lb.	16,000	...	16,000
Biscuits — Companys	lb.	12,554	[?] 487	12,057
Candles	N	3,975	1,321	2,654
Wheat — Kings	Garce	6½	...	6½
Wheat — Companys	Ditto	9-173	Mer. 6	9-167
Paddy	Ditto	25-209-7	213	24-396-7
Salt Fish	N	8,106	133	
	Decayed & destroyed by Sheels	...	7,973 } 8,106	...
Ghee	Candy	260-6-16½	1-6-1-39	24-14-4-17½
Sugar	Ditto	29-15-10	6-18-10	22-17-0
Arrack — Kings	Gallons	22,000		
Arrack — Companys	Ditto	2,961		
Live Cattle	N	292	60	232
Salt Beef — Kings		27 Puncheons	...	27 Puncheons
Salt Beef — Companys		1 Hogshead	...	1 Hogshead
Pork — Kings		54 Puncheons	9 Puncheons	45
Salt Pork & Suit — Kings & Companys		58 Hogshead	12 Hhds	46
Suet — Kings & Companys		Half Hogshead 10	...	½ Hogshead 10
		Barrels 11		Barrels 11
Salt	Garce	8-274- 2	Mer. 86	8-188- 2
Pepper	Candy	6-16-21-12	0-1-15-4	6-15- 6- 8
Chilly	ditto	19-18-24- 7	0-2-0-8	19-16-23-15
Tammarind	Ditto	[59]57-7- 8- 5	2-10-8-10	56-16-11-13
Turmerick	Ditto	3- 9- 8-12	0-0-23-4	3- 8-10- 8
Cumming Seed	Ditto	5-17-11- 4	0-0-17-0	5-16-19- 4
Tobacco	Ditto	19-11- 0- 8	1-12-0-0	17-19- 0- 8
Beetle Nut	Ditto	10- 5-21- 7	0-12-0-2	9-13-21- 5
Fine Greck	Ditto	2- 2-22- 4	0-0-4-12	2- 2-17- 8
Leaves (by Tale)		18,742	18,742	...
Lamp Oil	Measures	2,141		
Bought the 4 Feby.	ditto	421⅘ } 2562⅘	696⅞	1,865⅛
Gingely Oil	ditto	4,31⅘	72⅘	359
Mustard Seed Oil	ditto	1,300	...	1,300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls, Mallys, Lamps, Jarrs & Guglets.	Nos	13,639	366	13,273
Baskets of Sorts	ditto	11,289	...	11,289
Mats Large & Small	ditto	4,154	326	3,828
Well Ropes		3,675	...	3,675

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM THE 30 JANUARY TO THE 6 FEBRUARY 1759.

			Remains the 30th Jany 1759.	Receipts since.	Issues since.	Remains the 6 February 1759.
Gun Powder ...	Europe ... Barrs: contg: 100 Each	lb.	465	33	32	466
	Country ... do. do. 100 do. ...	lb.	531—60	...	150—60	381
			996—60	33	182—60	847
	Gheria ... Chests		196	...	18	178
Shott Round ...	24 Pounders...		8400	...	646	7754
	18 ditto		6725	...	305	6420
	12 ditto		2761	...	1091	1670
	9 ditto		7462	...	411	7051
	6 ditto		7262	...	218	7044
Grape	24 ditto		679	...	14	665
Partridge ...	12 ditto		1231	...	179	1052
Grape fixed to Flannel Cartridges ...	6 ditto		802	...	27	775
Lead	Musket		673,666	...	6000	667,666
	Pistol		35,387	...	3000	32,387
Mortar Shells ...	13 Inch		372	...	127	245
	10 ditto		652	...	202	450
	8 ditto		269	...	153	116
	$4\frac{2}{5}$ ditto or Cohorns		634	...	47	587
	Hand Granadoes		1791	...	29	1762
Gunners Stores ...	Port Fires		2831	...	16	2815
	Tubes ... 12 p̃rs		1712	...	60	1652
Match	Country ... Skains		2899	...	48	2851
Firelocks	Fuzes with Bajonets		38	...	23	15
	Bajonet Pieces ... New		1260	...	253	1007
	Ditto ditto ... Repaired ...		142	..	15	127
	Muskets without Bajonets Repard ...		313	...	50	263
	Carbines		63	...	8	55
	Pistols ... with Ribbs Large Pr ...		269½	...	13	256½
Small Arms ...	Brass Basket hilted Swords		301	...	1	300
Armoury Stores ...	Bajonet Belts		157	...	13	144
	Cartridge Boxes—Europe		122	...	29	93
	Country		59	...	15	44
	Buff Sword Belts		480	...	11	469
Armoury Petty Stores—						
	Gun Rammers for Muskets ... Contg.		133	...	22	111
	Hammers		35	...	10	25
	Pickers		...	10	10	...
	Worms		791	...	10	781
Drums & Appurtenances—						
	Brass Drums		4	...	4	...
	Sticks ... ... pr.		19	...	5	14
Beteelas for Colours—						
	Red Country ... ... yds.		355½	...	yds. 2½	353
	White ditto. ... ... do.		89	..	Do. 2½	86½
	Blue ditto ... ... do.		104	...	Do. 2½	101½
General Stores—						
	Hand Spikes		619	...	6	613
	Hand Screws ... ... pr		9	...	2	7
	Sand Bags		10343	29,250	4300	35,293
	Pincers for the Laboritory		3	...	1	2
	Spirits of Wine ... ... Galls.		106¼	...	6	100¾
	Canvass ... ... Bolts.		33½	...	1	32½

		Remains.	Since Recd.	Disabled.	Repaired.	—
Gun Carriages	24 Pounders	3	...	22	9	50
	18 ditto	2	...	3	7	26
	12 ditto	0	4	9	8	23
	9 ditto	7	...	3	2	36
	6 ditto	6	9	11	11	15
	3 ditto	5	...	...	2	7
	Howitzer Carriages	2	4	...	8	14
Mortar Beds	... ...	11	1	4	8	16

N.B.—Tho here appears by this Report to be remaining 116 Shells of 8 Inches. There are in fact non which Its immagined muse [*sic*] arrise from more having been expended than have been reported by the Officers o Duty. All other Articles are the same as mentioned in the General Report of the 12 December 1758, and th Weekly Reports since delivered in. Except Charcoal, which having taken fire, by the bursting of a Shell & som part burnt. It is uncertain how much is remaining.

Fort St. George,
6th February 1759.

CHS BOURCHIER,
Milily Storekr.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 30 JANUARY TO THE 5 FEBRUARY BOTH DAYS INCLUDED.

Days.	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharg'd.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
30	92	5	...	2	99	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	2	...	...
31	95	2	1	1	106	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	49	3	...	...
1	95	3	1	...	109	8	2	1	...	...	...	...	52	4	...	2
2	97	2	2	3	104	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	54	3	...	...
3	94	5	...	2	116	5	...	1	...	..	...	...	57	...	...	...
4	97	3	...	1	120	8	1	...	...	...	...	.	57	3	...	1
5	99	4	...	4	127	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	59	3	...	...

ROBT. TUBING
Surgeon

N. 265.

[*See page 88.*]

Hoñble Sir

Chingleput Febv: 3d: 1759:
2 o clo: P.M.

I received this Day at Noon a Letter from Major Caillaud wherein he advises me of the 29th Ultº: at Teegody, that he expects to be the first Instt at Velliparum, so I expect that he will be here the 5th or 6th at furthest: Ensign Deyman is at Chinna Piermole with Ammunition and a Party to join Captain Preston: I have ordered him to stay till the Major Arrives, as then it may go with safety, he having orders from Captain Preston not to proceed till he hears from him. I am

Hoñble Sir
Your most obedient humº Servt.
SIMON HART.

P. S.

Ensign Deyman has made three Attempts to pass to Captain Preston since the 28 Ultº. and has been oblig'd to retreat; The Enemy being of too great a Force to his Party or any I could send from hence.

I am
Hoñble Sir
as before
SIMON HART.

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To MAJOR CAILLAUD

February 7th: 1759

Sir

This Morning I had the pleasure to receive Information from Captain Hart at Changleput of your Arrival at Tagada, which is the first certain Account I have had you [*sic*] since your leaving Tranquebar. I hope you will soon join Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn and effectually open our Communication to the Southward. You will hear from them the most Interesting particulars of the Siege. The Enemy many day [*sic*] ago advanced their Trenches and made a Lodgment within the Salient Angle of the Cover'd way. The 23d of Last Month, they opened a Battery of four Guns at the foot of the Glacis to play upon the North Ravalin, and the 31st another of the same Number of Guns upon the Crest of the Glacis to batter the North East Bastion in Breach, but both these were so ill constructed, that they had

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very little effect and were at the same time exposed to so heavy a fire from the Fort that they were oblig'd every day to shut up their Embrazures an hour or two after sun rise. By the Report of Deserters they lost many Men, and had several Guns disabled upon these advanced Batteries. Now they seem to have entirely abandoned them and they begun this Morning to fire afresh from their first grand Battery by the Sande 450 Yards distance.

We obsere [*sic*] about two hundred European Horse three or four hundred Country Horse and some Seapoys upon the Choultry Plain and a Hircar has brought me Intelligence that three Companies of Foot are also detach'd to the Southward with 4 Guns, these no Doubt are intended to oppose your Efforts, but I shall be perfectly easy about the event of your meeting with them.

It is necessary on all accounts that you make your push as soon as possible, You know the Difficulty of keeping together such a Number of Country People & of supplying them with Provisions &ca.

Our Expected Fleet cannot certainly be far distant. The Shaftesbury which parted with them off Ceylon the 7th January has been here these eight days.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 267.

[*See page 88.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON 7th February 1759

Sir

By the Signals which were observed the Night before last, I conclude that Captain Vasserot arrived safe with the Troopers but I have not heard from you since. This Morning I recei'd a Letter from Captain Hart acquainting me that he had one from Major Caillaud dated at Tagada the 29 January. I hope he is near you by this time and that That is the only reason for you not having already made your Push; inclosed is a Letter for Major Caillaud which you will forward to him. It is left open for your perusal. You will there see what Force we are informed the Enemy have prepared to Oppose you. In case you have not the strongest Reason to think that Major Caillaud will join you in a Day or two, you must not delay the intended Effort. If the Enemy's Detachment is posted in any strong Pass which it may be difficult to force you may avoid them by taking a little Circle, or at least oblige them to quit their Post and engage you on more equal Terms.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 268.

[*See page 88.*]

To USOFF CAWN FEBRUARY 7th 1759

I hope the Troopers and Money I sent the day before Yesterday reach'd you safely, and I expected that you would have mov'd this way with the Army either yesterday Morning or this Morning. I imagine the Occasion of the Delay is the near Approach of Major Caillaud who I am informed was at Tagada the 29 Ultimo, & I hope will join you to day or to morrow, that you may use your united endeavours to execute the intended Scheme without Loss of time. We observe about two hundred European Horse, three or four hundred Country horse and some Seapoys upon the Choultry Plain and I am inform'd that three Companies of Foot are also detach'd to the Southward with four Guns Their Camp extends from Turing's

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house to Woodundee Choultry, In case Major Caillaud cannot join you in a day or two, You must endeavour to exicute the intended Scheme with your present Army as a Loss of time must be attended with bad Consequences. It gives the Enemy an Opportunity of forming strong Detachments to oppose you and puts your own Army under Difficulties for want of Provisions &ca.

The Enemy not being able to mantain the two Batteries they erected [*sic*] upon the Crest of the Glacis very near to the Fort, have begun to day to fire afresh from their first Battery 450 Yards distant. By the Blessing of God and our United Endeavours they will soon be oblig'd to raise the Siege, after which they will find it difficult to make their Retreat to Pondicherry.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 269.

[*See page 88.*]

To CAPTAIN HART 7th: February 1759

Sir

This Morning I received your Letter of the 3d and the News it contained concerning Major Caillaud gave me great Satisfaction. You will continue to forward what Intelligence comes to your knowledge. The Enemy have been oblig'd to leave the Advanced Battery they had erected upon the Crest of the Glacis, and this Morning began to Fire afresh from their first Battery 450 Yards distant.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 270.

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MOUNT February 6th 1759

HONBLE SIR

Your Letters both of Yesterday and the Day before, I have Received, Captain Vasserot likewise arrived safe last night with his 10 Troopers, and the Money. He had only to consult with Usoff Cawn upon the necessity you seem'd to think there was of no longer deferring the Execution of your last Plan. I was all ready for it. Tho' I could'nt but be of oppinion that (as our People had been much fateegued [*sic*] by marching from 10 the preceding Night till 9 in the Morning, and that as Mr Deyman was on the March to us with a Reinforcement of Seapoys, & a Quantity of Ammunition which we stood in great want of) it was best to postpone it for a Chance of the same Opportunity to Night. This Morning tho a strong Body both of the Enemy's Troops and Black Horse appeared o'this Side Sidepettah; and I am informed that the Guard at your Garden House was at the same Time reinforced with about 300 European Foot and 6 or 7 Companies of Seapoys: We are therefore now desirous of having another Letter from You while we are here: All I can say is, that we are notwithstanding much more capable of making our way good now, that Mr. Deyman has join'd us than we were last night. Usoff Cawn desires me to acquaint you that he can Answer for our standing a much greater Chance of succeeding in any Enterprize whatever in the Day time, than we shall in the Night: And indeed from the Little experience I have had with the Seapoys & Black horse, I am much of his Oppinion. Major Caillaud I have great reason to beleive is arrived at Chingleput. I am

Honble Sir
Your most respectful Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

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[*See page 89.*]

FROM ABDUL VAHAB CAWN — Dated 5 Received February 8th 1759

I had the pleasure to receive two Letters of Congratulation from you upon the Victory we have obtained. May God grant you as well as myself joy upon this Occasion and effect a Compleat Victory :—The Sardars of my Army, Usoff Cawn, and the English have exerted themselves to that Degree that it is more than I can express to you. This Day being the 5th we arrived at St Thomas's Mount agreable to your Direction. On the same Night an Officer with 10 Troopers came & inform'd me fully of all Circumstances, By the Blessing of God whatever may be for the good of the Company's Affairs & those of the Circar shall be done and God grant us success.

What can I say more.

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[*See page 89.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN — Dated the 6th. Received 8th February 1759

I had the happiness to receive your kind Letter on Monday the 5th Instant at past 9 oClock at night advising me to come to you, of your sending Ten Thousand Pagodas an Officer and some Troopers, who also arrived safe, at the same Time with the Money, and the Officer has fully made known to me your Directions. I have paid the above Money to the Troops. By the Blessing of God I shall in a Day or two encourage and get them refresh'd & make a Gallant push by Day to arrive with you, which you'll discover by our Flags, for these Troops are not in a Capacity to march by night, had they a European Force with them they would willingly move, but otherwise they can't move by night, of all which your honour is very sincible, and it would be needless for me to urge to you on that head. I have received Advise that the whole Body of the Enemy's Troops are gathering together near Egmore Fort with a Design to Attack my Army by Night if they do they shall be properly punish'd. I have received advice also that Major Caillaud is arrived at Changleput. The Ammunition which I sent for from Changleput arrived safe here this Day.

What can I say more.

N. 273.

[*See page 90.*]

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR — Mount 8 oClo: PM 7th FEBRUY: 1759

Sir

I arrived here this Morning about two o Clock : Captn: Preston has communicated your Orders, & tells me he has wrote his Oppinion. Permit me to say, I cannot help agreeing with him, as far as I see yet, I think it not to be effected with Country Horse &c^{a}. However what can be done shall be done you may depend on it & tomorrow you shall know Sir my resolution.

A Letter just come in from Changleput, from the Officer who informs me he had just received a Letter from Sadras, acquainting him 5 Ships were seen in the Offing, And that the Enemy had hoisted Dutch Colours at the Fort. To morrow I hope will decide this & confirm it our Fleet. With every good wish Sir for your Success

I remain Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant
J : CAILLAUD.

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N. 274.

[*See page 90.*]

Mount February 7th 1759.

Hoñble Sir

This Morning about two oClock I wrote you word of Major Caillaud being arrived here, but the Letter was returned to me about Noon, The Hircar not being able to reach you with it. This is just to advise you of my having delivered over my Command to the Major. I can with great Satisfaction say, that its [*sic.*] equally in as strong and as good a Condition, as when I first march'd with it, from Changleput, and as for the Condition of Usoff's Cawn's even that I may say is much better than when I first joined him. I sincerly wish to see Major Caillaud find Less difficulty than I did in executing your Last Plan. I am with perfect Respect

Hoñble Sir
Your most humble Servant
ACHILLES PRESTON.

N. 275.

[*See page 90.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 7th Received February 8th 1759

Major Caillaud arrived here this Morning being the 7th Instant and I shall act in every respect according to his Directions. It was consulted that we should march to your Parts tomorrow being Thursday, and the same will appear to you. We heard last night a great Report of Guns & small Arms but cannot learn the Occasion of it. I thought fit to advise you of the Foregoing.

What can I say more.

N. 276.

[*See page 90.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 8th February 1759

Sir

I take the Ship to be the Bristol come with more stores from Pondicherry. She has few or no Europeans on Board, and I beleive you would find little Difficulty in taking her if you could weigh with the Land Wind in the Night and run down to her. If you are of the same Oppinion send me an immediate Answer, and I will order off your own Thirty Men with Forty Military from the Garrison which you may return to morrow morning.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 277.

[*See page 90*]

Ship Shaftesbury Febr: 8th 1759

Sir

Immediatly upon the Receipt of yours I examined my Chief Officer, About the present Condition of the Ship and the Boatswain about the Rigging and they both declare it impossible to get under Sail to night, if you think proper to send my People off shall directly set about getting her ready to execute your Design. I'm concerned to think a Night will be lost by it & shee may Land some Stores to morrow, but better late than not at all, we may possible get some of them, & prevent her ever bringing any more.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
CORNs INGLIS.

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N. 278.

[*See page 90.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 8th: February 1759 at Night.

Sir

I have just received your Letter and have order'd your own People to be immediatly sent off that they may assist in getting your Ship in Readiness. If by working all Night you could be prepaired to sail about Sun rise or any time in the Morning before the Sea Wind sets in, you would be up with the French Ship before much could be landed from her. I doubt not you will do all in your Power. The Forty Military shall be sent off to you some time in the Night. I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 279.

[*See page 91.*]

At Noon 8 February 1759

Sir

Your last nights favour is safe arrived, and I hope mine of the same Date is received. The Attempt you are desirous we should make as a Possitive order shall be complyed with if the following representation which I take the Liberty of Laying before you cannot make you alter your Resolution. By intelligence and what we can see of the Enemys situation they have reinforced all their Posts to the Southward, the right of their Black Infantry, & Cavalry at Maskelyns house Extending their Left to the Bar they have 400 Europeans & 4 Pieces of Cannon on Choultry Plain and the 3 Pickets you mention. All the roads leading to their Posts strongly barricaded & lined with Cannon and these are to be attack'd by Seapoys and 60 Europeans. For our Horse is out of the Question, They will not stay by us, as on our Arrival near Madras They cannot remain in any Place unattackd. You must be concious Sir what can be expected from Seapoys. The best I have ever seen them do, is to mantain a Post under Cover or attack in their stragling manner Against Seapoys or when supported by Europeans, Not that they can succeed against a regular Force, well posted, is not to be expected. The least Check or stop puts them into disorder, what hopes then they will ever rally again or be able to retreat all the Enemy's Post joining together. That body is gone without resource, & without making such a risistance as would compensate for their Loss, by what the Enemy might suffer in the Affair. You are pleased to say a sally shall be made from the Garrison at the same time to support us & favour our Effort. You cannot I persume [*sic*] Sir spare that Body long out of the Garrison, in case we succeed and take Possession of the Garden house We may expect to be attacked again immediatly. I will suppose we succeed & join you must from experience know Sir by the behaviour of the Seapoys with you what can be expected from those I could join you with: But I hope the Releif of Madras does not depend upon such Circumstances. From some time serving with these kind of Troops I know them well, & know that for the service you might expect or require on such an Occasion, that you would be much disappointed. I own I always apprehended that the only use this Body would be of, would be, by continually moving near the Enemy, keep up their Attention, and Endeavour to distress them in their provisions and such Convoys as they might receive by Land. In this I think still we can be of service, leaving us at Liberty to act. The arrival of our Ships which we may expect every hour, and such a Body as ours, intire of horse and Infantry may be of great use, should the Enemy raise the Siege, when our reinforcement comes, but all this will be out of our Power by the step you propose, as our Cavalry certainly disbands, And what will Seapoys avail without them, Against an Enemy who have a Body of horse we know will act.

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One thing more, The Man who is the soul of all these Black People Thinks badly of the Scheme & that it is throwing away the People to no purpose, who otherwise may be usefully imployed, he himself will follow & some of his people, but the Majority, if he can't answer for them who can I though [*sic*] it my Duty Sir to lay my thoughts before you with freedom & on that Account hope you will excuse it. I leave it now all to your better judgment. In the mean time I shall make a Proper Disproportion [*sic*] for the Attempt and wait your Answer, which if not contrary to your former Resolution, you may depend on me for be assured Sir I will do my best to approve myself worthy of your good opinion and how much I am

Your most Obedient humble Servant

J: CAILLAUD.

N. 280.

[*See page 91.*]

FROM USOFF CAWN Dated the 8th Received February 9th: 1759

I had the happiness to receive your Letter Dated the 7th on the 8 Instant. I am very ready to come to your honour but the People of the Army hearing of our Intention to do so are very much affraid. If I march from hence by Force, whoever is honest and has a regard for his Honour, Credit and Duty to his Superiors will accompany me but the rest will have no regard to these Intances [*sic*] nor proceed with firmness, for all Mens inclinantions [*sic*] are not the same, I have hitherto employed the Army by Political Contrivances. In future If I observe the same Method and employ them in the Field the Affair may be certainly executed and endeavours used. If any Accident happens to the Army (which God Forbid) so as to return it will be attended with bad Consequences. I advised you lately of my proposal to go towards Tervatore and embrace an Opportunity of Punishing the Enemy properly for they are Careless on that side and have kept their Powder and Balls their so that we may find an Opportunity to Punish them. I must mention ,their should be no Delay for me to come to you but the Circumstances of the Army are as before mentioned. There were only 9 Companies of the former Seapoys in the Army. You'll be pleased to consider how many may have been killed out of them During the War to this Present time and how many are left, and the remaining Part of the Army are People who have been enlisted in Trichenopoly and these Parts. If some of the Former Troops only accompany me what great Service can be expected from it and what advantage Occrue [*sic*] should this large Army remain in the Field against the Enemy who will in all Likelyhood Detach 1000 or 500 Europeans with all the White and Black Horses against it (in which Case, there will be a Less Number of People at their Batteries) then you may meet with a fair opportunity to execute your Design; If the Enemy be free from Apprehensions of an Army in the Field they will keep the whole Number of their Troops at their Batteries. Please to consider that a large Sum of the Company's Money hath already been expended on Account of this Army and if nothing is done by it what advantage can it be of, We should therefore enter into a Political Method to manage the Business so as to punish the Enemy in a Proper Manner. I took the Freedom to advise you of the Scheme we had formed but it is left to your Pleasure. I am Obedient to your Order and will act according to whatever Directions you may send. For other Matters Major Caillaud has wrote to you fully to which I refer.

What can I say more.

N. 281.

[*See page 91.*]

To MAJOR CAILLAUD February 9th 1759

Sir

Yesterday Morning I had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 7 Advising of your Arrival at the Mount and this Day before Sunrise I received yours of

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the 8th. containing your Oppinion on the Subject of the Troops under your Command. It is very certain that upon the Plan you recommed [*sic*] they have already been of great use by drawing off the Enemy's Attention, and obliging them to make at several times considerable Detachments. The Reasons you Offer for continuing to act upon the same Principle have great Weight I readily adopt them, and with Satisfaction leave it to your own Discretion to make the best use you can of the means in your hands towards harrassing and distressing the Enemy. I am told that all their supplys of Provisions come from the Southward as the Polygars plunder every thing that attempts to pass on the North Side. Their heavy Stores are brought by Sea which certainly must very soon be put a Stop to by the Arrival of our Fleet.

The Hircar who brought your Letter told us he met a large Party of the Enemy marching towards the Mount and we have seen & heard Cannonading for some hours. I shall be uneasy till I hear of the Event which if it prove favourable must very much discourage the Enemy.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 282.

[*See page 91.*]

To CAPTAIN PRESTON February 9th 1759

Sir

This Morning I received your Letter of the 8th. I have all the Reason in the World to be well pleased with your Conduct and had you explained to me as fully the Circumstances of your Troops I should have agreed before in the Plan Major Caillaud recommends. We have seen & heard a Warm firing this Morning and hope soon to have the News of your success.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 283.

[*See page 91.*]

To USOFF CAWN February 9th 1759

I received this Morning your Lētter dated Yesterday and have considered fully what Major Caillaud and you wrote me concerning the Circumstances of your Troops and your Oppinion of the properest Plan for them to act on. I think the Method you advise will be attended with great advantages and accordingly I leave it to you and Major Caillaud to act as you shall see best. The Hircar who brought your Letter acquainted me that he met a strong Detachment of the Enemy marching towards the Mount, and we have seen & heard a great deal of firing for two or three hours. I hope that I shall soon have the pleasure to receive News of your Success.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 284.

[*See page 91.*]

Ship Shaftesbury Febr. 9th 1759

Sir

The Ship at St: Thomé is the same I past the Morning I came in, she seem'd to come in very light, We have been at work all Night. The Vessel that was standing in, in the Morning is now out of our Sight again. The Land Wind has been more southerly all night and this Morning than usual. Our Rigging is still in such a Condition as makes it impossible to get under sail to day. We are all busy in fitting it, and shall get our Anchor up without delay, when ready. There

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has been a smart firing all this Morning to the Southward which I hope will produce you some Good News. What the Bristol may have done in the Night I cant say she has had but two Boats to day.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant

CORN^{S} INGLIS.

N. 285.

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DETAIL OF THE GUARDS OF THE GARRISON OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

February 9th 1759.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Private.	Total.
North Ravalin	1	1	2	2	1	35	40
North Covered way	2	2	4	4	3	80	91
Sea gate Redoubt	...	1	1	1	1	20	23
Demi Bastion	...	1	1	1	1	20	23
North Gate	...	1	1	1	1	20	23
S^{t} Georg's Ravelin	...	1	1	1	1	20	23
S^{t} Thomas's Ravelin	...	1	1	1	1	20	23
S^{t} Thomas's Gate	...	1	1	1	1	10	13
North East Bastion	...	...	1	1	...	12	14
North West Blind	...	...	1	1	...	12	14
North West Lunette	...	...	1	1	..	8	11
S^{t} Georges's Gate	...	...	1	1	...	4	6
Main Guard	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Total ...	3	9	17	17	10	262	306

ROB^{T} BANNATYNE
T. Major.

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To MAJOR CAILLAUD February 10th 1759

I am yet in doubt concerning the Event of Yesterday not having Received your Advices. I fear you will want Ammunition for your Field Peices. If you will appoint a Place by the Seaside and a time when you will have people ready their to receive it I can supply you with every thing you want. Nothing remarkable has occur'd here. The Enemy continue to fire four Guns from their First Battery near the Seaside three from the Burying Ground, and two from the Hospital. I wrote to you Yesterday approving of your Plan of the 8th: Captain Preston I beleive can execute this without depriving us of your Assistance. I should be glad to have you in the Fort; If you could get safely to Pulicat M^{r} Brooke can furnish you with a Conveyance, or if you can appoint any Place to the Southward I will have a Boat ready to receive you.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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[*See page 96.*]

Vendelour Feb^{y}.
10th 1759

To THE HOÑ'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}
Sir

The Enemy attacked us Yesterday Morning at Day Break with about 6 Hundred European Infantry all their Cavalry a large Body of Seapays 7 or 8 pieces of Cannon amongst which they had 3, 12 pdrs and one 18 Pdr after an Effort

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of 12 Hours to dislodge us from our Post they retired about Sun sett. The want of Ammunition oblig'd us also to move to Vendelour. We have suffer'd most from the Cannonade & a Push of their European Horse. Our Country Horse left us and Two Thirds of our Seapoys I am confirm'd in what I had the honour of Writing you last that we shall lose all our Army if we attempt what you propose. I hope to get all in Order to march in two Days near the Enemy, to the North I beleive, if you do not disapprove. I have the Honour to be wth: my best Wisses [*sic*] for your Success.

Sir

Your most Obedient humble
Servant
J. Caillaud.

N. 288.

[*See page 96.*]

Dated the 10th Received 12th
February 1759.

From Usoff Cawn

I had the happiness to receive your Letter Dated friday the 9th on the 10th Instant in the Evening advising that in regard to a proper Method to be taken with respect to the Enemy you have left it to me and Major Caillaud and we shall act according to your Directions. Yesterday a large Army of the Enemy consisting of Europeans, Troopers, Black Horse &ca: march'd with large and small Guns of 18, 12, 9, and 6 Pounders and an Engagement begun at 5 oClock in the Morning and lasted the whole Day without ceasing We also with large and small Arms push'd and fought them at close Quarters with Bravery and pun[ished] the Enemy who not being able to mantain their Ground fled, a great Number of Europeans, Troopers, Black Horse &ca: were killed, Wounded, and put to Flight. In our Army some Seapoys were killed and some Wounded, some of our Horses &ca not being able to keep their Post by reason of the Shot were Dispersd. Our old Seapoy[s] Horsemen &ca: only remained and exerted themselves. Abdul Bob Cawn remain'd al [one] with Firmness with only 100 of his Men and exerted himself to the Utmost. This [day] with the advice of Major Caillaud I march'd from the Mount and Arrived at Wende[lour] in order to collect again the Dispers'd horsemen &ca By the Blessing of God, I shall gather the whole Force, act against the Enemy & Punish them. I shall not neglect to exert myself to the Utmost of my ability nor shall I leave the Enemy whilst they Live, you may make yourself perfectly easy in every Respect and I shall soon [come] towards you.

What can I say more?

N. 289.

[*See page 96.*]

12 February 1759

To Major Caillaud

I Received this Afternoon your Letter of the 10th: and am much pleased with your Success for the maintaining your Post a whole Day, against so large a Force of the Enemy must be esteem'd a very considerable Advantage, nor could they come off without the Loss of Many Men. I have left it to you and Usoff Cawn to Employ the Force under your Command in such Manner as [you] shall judge Best for the Service, Or if in Consequence of what I wrote you the 10th: you should find a Road to come here I leave it to Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn The Enemy have still a Camp upon Choultry Plain and are carrying on their Attack against the Fort in the same Manner as is mentioned in my last Letter.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
George Pigot.

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[*See page 96.*]

12 February 1759

To Abdul Vahab Cawn

To Day I have had the Pleasure to receive Letters from Major Caillaud and Usoff Cawn advising of the Victory you obtained over the Enemy the 9th Instant. I write this to congratulate You on the same. As to the Affairs here they continue as before, the Enemy are continually Loosing a considerable Number of Men but they cannot succeed against the Fort.

George Pigot.

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[*See page 96.*]

February 12th 1759

To Usoff Cawn

This Afternoon I had the pleasure to receive your Letter advising of the Victory you obtain'd over the Enemy on the 9th Instt. Their Loss of Men in these several engagements and what they loose daily in their Batteries and Trenches by the Fire from the Fort has weakened them to that degree that they will not long be able to carry on their Attack. If we should be so lucky as to have our Ships arrive before they make their Retreat it will be difficult for them to get safe to their own Place. By the Blessing of God the [*sic*] will be cut off in the way. I am sencible that you have always exerted yourself with Bravery & Diligence for the Company's Service, & that you will continue to do so on all Occasions. Whatever Method Major Caillaud and You think will most distress the Enemy, the same you will carry into execution.

George Pigot.

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Vendelour Febv. 11th
1759

To the Hoñ'ble George Pigot Esqr

Sir

I was honour'd this afternoon with you [r] favour of the 10th. What you are pleased to recommend I shall endeavour to execute. If we succeeed [*sic*] at Sadras from thence it will be easy executing if not, by the means you mention, Two days will decide this. This Evening Letters from the Nabobs Vackeel with the Morattoes came in. Their Assistance they offer on the following Terms: Their whole Force which are now near Tripety with Ballegerow will march, If you will give Seventeen Lack of Rupees But this not to be paid untill the Enemy have rais'd the Siege, & given us possission [*sic*] of all the Country the French now have. If this you will think proper to agree to & give it in writing, the Nabob will set out & bring them in very little time. You will please to let us know your pleasure on this as soon as possible. The Enemy by all accounts have suffered Yesterday and are now breaking down all the Garden Walls behind which we maintained ourselves so long, & indeed but for the want of Ammunition, & not knowing but we might have been attack'd again before a supply could come we should not have left.

I have the Honour to be
Sir
Your most Obdt humble Sevant [*sic*]
J. Caillaud.

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FROM USOFF CAWN Dated 11 Received 13 February 1759

Yesterday being Saturday the 10th Instant I address'd a Letter to you advising of the Battle which had been fought and I suppose you are acquainted therewith. I had the happiness to receive on the same day your Letter of the 9th & returned an Immediate Answer You was therein pleased to say that I should act according to the Method we might think most proper which [*sic*] which you leave to Major Caillaud and myself. By the Blessing of God we shall act agrea[bly] to your direction and Punish the Enemy in a proper Manner. I, Major Cailla[ud] and Nabob Abdul Bob Cawn with the Army remain in Wandelor and shall again collect the Horsemen &ca who were dispers'd and act against the Enemy [shortly] so as to punish them properly.

From the Time of my setting out from Trichinopoly to this Day, the Expences and the Accounts of the Army has been made & keept by myself. As Major Caillaud is now come, if you think proper I shall in future Deliver over the Accounts with the Disbursments of the Army to [him] you'll be pleased to send me directions, whether I am to do so, or keep them myself as Usual. I am in expectiation [*sic*] of your Answer.

What can I say more.

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GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE STRENGTH OF THE

—	Officers.																					
	Lieutenant Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Captains & Town Major.	Captain & Brigade Major.	Captain Lieutinants.	Lieutenants.	2d Lieutenants.	Cornet & Qr Master.	Ensigns.	Lieutt Fireworkers.	Adjutant.	Surgeon.	Staff. Adjutant.	Staff. Qr Master.	Staff. Chaplin.	Staff. Surgeons Mates.	Commissary.	Clerk of Stores.	Conductors.	Volunteers.
Troop of Horse	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	..	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	
The Honble Compys Artillery.	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	..	2	1	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
His Maty's 64 Regimt ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	
Detachment of Marines ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
The Honble Compys 1st Battn.	...	...	7	...	...	...	8	...	...	12	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. Do. 2nd	...	...	8	...	...	...	3	...	...	11	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Invalids & Pensioners ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	2	1	20	1	1	3	17	3	1	25	7	3	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	

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GARRISON OF FORT ST. GEORGE FEBRUARY 12TH 1759.

Doing Duty.										Sick.										Wounded.										Additional Gunners & Matrosses.	Pioneers.								Total.	Casualties.							
				Centinels.									Centinels.									Centinels.																									
Sergeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Farriers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Mattrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Europeans.	Topazes.	Coffreys.	Bombardiers.	Gunners.	Matrosses.		Serjeants.	Corporals.	Centinels.	Artificers.	Camp Colour Men.	Attending the Sick.	Invalids.	Prisoners.	Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers.	Killed.	Deceased.	Diserted.	Received.	Removed.	Entertained.	Wounded.	Discharged.
1	1	1	1	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	3	3	..	...	..	...	10	30	40	1	...	..	...	...	..	...	3	8	1	..	...	...	...	3	5	9	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	119	1	...	...	...	..	18	...
2	1	...	...	...	..	...	3	7	28	1	...	...	...	.	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	9	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	57	2	...	...	...	...	13	...
9	...	4	...	107	...	...	..	...	...	..		...	17	...	...	...	...	...		..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	...	...	48	...	...	..	...	...	1	1	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	90	1	1	..	..	..	9	...
29	36	24	...	237	28	..	...	...	.	3	3	...	12	5	.	...	...	...	7	2	3	26	..	...	...	...	...	23	...	1	31	7	5	1	...	5	517	3	3	1	...	...	...	37	...
32	26	23	...	124	24	50	..	...	...	5	2	...	3	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	36	1	5	...	..	...	19	2	1	20	7	5	...	...	1	434	3	3	...	8	9	1	43	...
2	2	...	..	30	14	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	5	6	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	65	..	1	...	..	..	...	4	...
27	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
107	83 [?]	55	1	565	66	50	13	37	68	12	7	...	54	12	6	...	4	9	8	4	3	72	2	5	4	8	18	43	2	2	58	14	10	1	..	7	1,510	13	8	1	8	10	1	124	...

GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE SEAPOYS FORT ST. GEORGE FEBRUARY 12 1759.

—	Doing Duty.										On command.					Sick & wounded.					Total.		Casualties.				
	Commandants.	Subedars.	Jamidars	Havildars.	Naicks.	Colour Men.	Tom Toms.	Trumpeter.	Seapoys.	Total.	Subedars.	Jamidars.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Seapoys.	Subedars.	Jamidars	Havildars.	Naicks.	Seapoys.	Total.	The Amount of the Whole.	Killed.	Diserted.	Received.	Removed.	Wounded.
First & Second Battalion.	2	32	100	172	146	39	29	11	1,058	1,589	...	1	2	3	4	...	19	35	27	169	260	1,849	7	7	1	...	..

ROBT BANNATYNE,
T. Major.

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS REMAINING IN STORE THE 12 FEBRUARY 1759 ABSTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		Remaining the 5th Feby.	Expended from the 5 to the 12 Instant.	Remaining the 12 Feby. 1759.
Firewood	N	1120114	70,820	10492 9
Rice	Garce	57-371	...	...
Pease	Ditto	1-170	...	...
Doll	Ditto	3-365	...	...
Gram	Ditto	11-329	...	...
Biscuits Kings	lb	16000	...	...
Biscuits Companys	lb	12057	...	...
Candles	N	,2654	...	...
Wheat Kings	Garce	6½	...	...
Wheat Companys	Ditto	9-167	...	...
Paddy	Ditto	24-396-7	1-3650	23-31-7
Salt Fish	N	...	All Expended	...
Ghee	Candy	21-14-4-17½	2-1-1-22½	22-13-2-35 [?]
Sugar	Ditto	22-17-0-0	...	...
Arrack Kings	Gallons	...	...	...
Arrack Companys	Ditto	...	...	...
Live cattle	N	232	...	...
Salt Beef Kings	lb	27 Puncheons 1 Hogshead	... ...	27 Puncheons 1 Hogshead
Pork Ditto	lb	45 Puncheons	11 Puncheons	34 Puncheons
Salt Pork & Suit Ditto	lb	46 Hogshead	14½ Hogshead	31½ Hogshead.
Suit Ditto	lb	10½ Hogshead 11 Barrels.	... Mrs	10 half hogshead 11 Barrels
Salt	Garce	8-188-2	68-4	8-119-14
Pepper	Candy	6-15-6-8	0-1-9-0	6-13-22-8
Chilly	Ditto	19-16-23-15	0-2-14-12	19-14-9-3
Tammarind	Ditto	56-16-11-13	1-19-21-5	54-16-14-8
Turmerick	Ditto	3-8-10-8	0-0-24-12	3-7-10-12
Cumming Seed	Ditto	5-16-19-4	0-0-18-8	5-16-0-8
Tobacco	Ditto	17-19-0-8	1-18-12-8	16-0-13-0
Beetle Nutt	Ditto	9-13-21-5	0-12-13-8	9-1-7-13
Fine Greck	Ditto	2-2-17-8	0-0-9-4	2-2-8-4
Leaves (by Tale)		...	Expended.	...
Lamp Oil	Mears	1865 5/8	350⅛	1515 4/8
Gingely Ditto	ditto	359	18	341
Mustard Seed	ditto	1300	...	1300
Earthen Potts, Tresauls Mallys Jars Lamps & Guglets		13273	275	12998
Baskets of Sorts		11289	300	10989
Mats Large & Small	Do.	3828	38	3790
Well Ropes	Do.	3675	...	3675

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A WEEKLY REPORT OF MILITARY STORES RECEIVED & ISSUED FROM THE 6TH TO THE 13 FEBRUARY 1759.

		Remains the 6th Febr. 1759.	Receipts since.	Issues since.	Remains the 13 Febr 1759.
Ordnance—	Iron ... 24 Pounders	29	...	2	27
	18 ditto	16	...	1	15
	9 ditto	50	...	1	49
	Brass ... 6 Pounders	6	3	...	9
	lb.				
Gun Powder—	Europe ... Barrs. qtg. 100 Each...	466	...	15	451
				lb.	lb.
	Country ... d° d° 100 d°	381	...	147–60	233–40
		847	...	162–60	684–40
	Gheria	178	...	20	158
Shott—	Round ... 24 Pounders	7,754	...	915	6,839
	18 ditto	6,420	...	281	6,139
	12 ditto	1,670	...	398	1,272
	9 ditto	7,051	...	207	6,844
	6 ditto	7,044	...	35	7,009
	Grape ... 24 Pounders	665	...	94	571
	18 ditto	483	...	1	482
	9 ditto	182	...	1	181
	Lead ... Carbine	246,966	...	6,000	240,966
	Partridge. 12 Pounders	1,052	...	51	1,001
Mortar Shells	13 inch	245	...	118	127
	10 ditto	450	...	221	229
	8 ditto French ...	...	36	36	...
	4⅕ ditto or Cohorns ...	587	...	303	284
Gunners Stores	Port fires	2,815	...	37	2,778
	Tubes ... 6 Pounders	6,332	...	230	6,102
Match	Country ... Skains	2,851	...	41	2,810
Fire locks	Fuzes with Bajonets	15	25	2	38
	Bajonet Pieces new	1,007	184	73	1,118
	Ditto ... repaired	127	...	7	120
	Carbines	55	...	1	54
	Muskets without Bajonets new ...	110	...	3	107
	Ditto ditto repaired ...	263	...	48	215
Small Arms	Brass Basket hilted Swords... ...	300	...	1	299
Armoury Stores	Flints	475,741	...	2,000	473,741
	Bajonet Belts	144	...	17	127
	Cartridge Boxes—Country Wood.	169	...	24	145
	Ditto Leather ...	44	...	44	...
Armoury Petty Stores.					
	Gun Rammers Masket [*sic*] Europe...	...	686	...	686
	Do. Country ...	111	...	110	1
	Carbine ditto ...	58	25	...	83
	Hammers	25	85	110	..
	Pickers	...	110	100	[?]
	Worms	781	...	110	671
Drums & Appurtenances.					
	Wood Drum	1	...	1	...
Betelas for Colours	Country White ... ... Yds.	86½	...	6	80½
General Stores	Sand Bags	35,293	20,250	11,300	44 243
	Wax cloth ... ... Pcs.	153¼	...	1¼	152
	Tarpaulins large	14	...	1	13
	Carriages ... 24 Pounders ...	50	...	4	46
	18 ditto ...	26	...	3	23
	6 ditto ...	15	...	1	14

Fort St. George 13 Febr. 1759.

CHS. BOURCHIER,
Mility Storekr.

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A REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FROM THE 6TH TO THE 12 FEBY. 1759 BOTH DAS [*sic*] INCLUDED.

	Europeans.								Seapoys.							
	Sick.				Wounded.				Sick.				Wounded.			
Days.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.	Remains.	Received.	Dead.	Discharged.
6	99	2	...	1	127	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	2	.	...
7	100	4	2	4	131	7	1	..	...	...	...	...	64	1	...	...
8	98	4	..	2	137	4	..	2	...	...	...	...	65	1	...	..
9	100	3	1	3	139	1	3	...	...	...	..	..	66	1	...	...
10	99	2	...	3	137	11	1	2	...	...	...	...	67	1	...	...
11	98	5	...	1	145	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	68	6	...	...
12	102	8	2	2	146	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	74	1	...	5

ROBT TURING
Surgeon

N. 298.

To MAJOR CAILLAUD [*See page 98.*] February 13th 1759

Sir

Last Night I received your Letter of the 11th and although it is most probable the Fate of Madras will be decided before the Morattoes can come & join, Yet I think their Assistance afterwards if the Siege should be raised will enable us to distress the Enemy very much. You will observe by the Copy of my Letter to the Moratta that I would have the Treaty put upon a different Foot from that which you mention. After advancing the Seventeen Lack the very same Morattoes would upon an Offer of present Gain from any other Power join in dispossessing Us again of the Countries, or plundering them. The Punctual Payment of the Yearly Chout would keep them always in our Interest and to this Promise I empower you, and in Case of your Absence Captain Preston, jointly with the Nabob & Usoff Cawn, to add an obligation for five Lacks of Rupees to be paid in ready Money, on our being put in Possession of the Countries now in the Hands of the French. I understand that there is to be no Demand for pay or Batta untill the Possession of the French Countries is obtained.

We were alarm'd this Morning at 2 o Clock by a small Party of the Enemy advancing from their Trenches towards the Facine Battery. Two or three discharges of Grape repuls'd them and they left five men upon the Spot.

In case of your Absence Captn Preston will execute the Contents of this Letter.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

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To USOFF CAWN [*See page 98.*] February 13th 1759

I have wrote fully to Major Caillaud in Answer to what he informed me concerning the proposals of the Mortatto's. He will communicate the Contents

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to you wherefore I refer you to the said Letter, This Morning the Enemy made an Alarm by marching a small Party out of their Trenches towards our Battery by the Sea Side, but they were repuls'd by two or three discharges of Grape and five Men were left on the Spot.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 300.

[*See page 98.*]

TO BALAZAROW, AND THE SAME TO HIS GENERAL GOPAUL HARY

February 13th 1759.

I have already frequently represented to you the Disturbances and wicked proceedings of the French and told you what the Consequences would be if a timely Punishment was not inflected on them. Accordingly they have taken Possession of the whole Country for themselves and set up a new Government in Opposition to all the Laws of the Mogul Empire and in Prejudice of the Portion or share of the Revenues which ought to be remitted to your Court according to the Regulation of the Chout &ca. At length their Pride increas'd to such a Degree that they ventured to march against this Fort and to that end posted themselves in the Pettah or Black Town. It is now above two Months they have remain'd in the same place, and they have fired a prodigious Number of Shells and Shott against the Fort, We also have fired briskly against them and kill'd or Wounded a Large Part of their Army which is now reduced to a small Force so that it is impossible for them to succeed in their Design. I wait only for the Arrival of some Ships which sail'd from Bombay fifty Days ago with a Large Reinforcement of Men. As soon as they are join'd we shall march out of the Fort and distroy the Remains of the French Army. As your Troops are now arrived near the Canama, it will be agreable to your Friendship with the Company as well as a means of putting the Country under a proper Regulation, If you come and join us. In such Case the Disturbers will be easily routed out and deprived of all the Possessions they now have in this Country, and as soon as the said possessions are delivered over to the Company's Managers I will promise and be answerable to pay to your Court the Chout &ca Duties according to the Regulations of the Empire every Year as long as the said Countries shall remain in our Possession. Besides the Troops in the Fort we have an Army in the Field consisting of Europeans, Horse & Seapoys Commanded by the Nabob, Mahomud Usoff Cawn, Commandant and Major Caillaud, or in Case of his Absence Captain Preston. Your Troops should go and join the said Army and for any Agreements which may be necessary to take place immediatly upon the Countries being put in the Company's Possession, I leave it to be settled by those three jointly Viz the Nabob, Usoff Cawn, and my Officer being either Major Caillaud or Captain Preston; and whatever may be agreed on by those three Jointly I shall approve and perform.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 301.

[*See page 99.*]

Ship Shaftesbury 14th February 1759

Sir

The Two first Boats bring the 2 Guns, the others Wine and Iron the nearest Ship to the Southward seems to stand in for St. Thomé Road possibly with Stores. If the Governour pleases to send my Men on Board with an Order to do what I can to prevent her landing them, shall do my best but as I scarcly can Weigh our Anchor, my Decks are all clear and am ready to execute whatever Orders the Governour shall please to send me. I would raither [*sic*] they were Friends but that is as it shall happen.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
CORNS. INGLIS.

——*APPENDIX No. 302.*——.

N. 302.

[*See page 99.*]

To CAPTAIN INGLIS 14th February 1759

Sir

The Vessel which Anchored this Afternoon off of St. Thomé I take to be the Frigate returning from Pondicherry with Stores, by her manner of acting when here before, I cannot judge her of any great Force and therefore have warm hopes you may be able to take or distroy her. Whatever may be the Event I am persuaded from your Readiness to make the Attemp [*sic*] you will perform all that can be done and so I leave the Conduct of the Enterprize to you. I now send you off all your own People with Twenty Marines and some of the Petty Officers belonging to his Majesty's Ships and have directed Captn. Baker of the Cuddalore Schooner to accompany you & follow your Orders, if you think it necessary to appoint any Signals between you and him you will send him Your Orders.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 303.

[*See page 99.*]

To CAPTAIN GEORGE BAKER OF THE CUDDALORE SCHOONER 14th February 1759

Sir

The Shaftesbury is preparing to go down and Attack the French Ship in St Thomé Road which I take to be the Frigate that lately went from hence, you may perhaps be of some Asssistance, [*sic*] and therefore you are hereby directed to accompany the Shaftesbury and follow such Orders as you may receive from Captain Inglis.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 304.

[*See page 101.*]

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. Vandelour 11th Febv. 1759

Sir,

Your obliging Letter of the 9th. came to hand Yesterday for which I return you my sincerest thanks. To morrow I march to Changleput with intention to make an Attempt on Sadras by which I hope to cut off the Communication from Pondicherry. I have the Honour to be with great Truth & Respect

Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
J. CAILLAUD.

N. 305.

[*See page 101.*]

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. Changleput 13th February 1759

Sir

Your favour of the 10th I answered from Vendelour from which place I march'd hither and to Sadras this Night; if we can succeed, well, if not, I intend taking good post near it, the Enemy may endeavour to send a few Europeans more by Sea to secure it for by Land we stop them. I therefore think if Bakers Sloop can come there it would prevent that and you might, Sir, send Us what We want, Pagodas and three pound Shott. This may be done as I propose or by Boat and then I can come as you desire, let the Sloop or Boat come two or three Miles North of Sadras, if by Day make a Signal by a Red Flag I will answer by

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Smoak, if by night they may fire Rocket & I will answer the same. shall constantly keep advising you of what happens and beg you will beleive me with my sincerest wishes for your Success.

Sir
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
JOHN CAILLAUD.

P. S. A Relation of the Nabob's with about 200 Horse is to join us this Day from the Enemy.

N. 306.

[*See page 101.*]

TO MAJOR CAILLAUD 16th February 1759

Sir

At noon I received from Pulicat the Dupplicate of your Letter of the 13th. Instant. I immediatly order'd twenty Thousand Pagodas and four hundred three Pounder Shot to be put on board the Cudalore Schooner, and I have directed Captain Baker to make the Signals proposed in your Letter. As soon as you have executed your present Intention you will embark on board the Cuddalore for Madras leaving the Command of the Army with Captain Preston and Usoff Cawn with the same Discretional Power of acting in such manner as they shall judge most effectual against the Enemy advising them only in General to keep at all times as near as possible to the Enemy in order to draw a Part of their Attention.

In my last of the 13th I acquainted you of an unsuccessful Attempt made by the Enemy that Morning against our Facine Battery the Night following they endeavoured to advance their Sap towards it, whereupon it was thought proper the 14th. at day break to make a Sally to endeavour to distroy their New Work, which was executed with Success and a warm fire being kept upon the Enemys Trenches which were filled with Men upon the Alarm it is judged they must have suffered some Loss. They fire now from only Six Guns and One Mortar.

The Frigate came to St. Thomé two days ago with a supply of Stores, but the Shaftesbury bearing down upon her she did not stay to land them.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

P. S.

Since closing my Letter Six Sail of Ships have appeared which I judge must be our Fleet. We shall see to morrow what Effect this will have upon the Enemy. For the Present I have only to desire you will remain with the Army and advance this way, that you may be in readiness to harrass the Enemy upon their March if the [*sic*] should quit their present Enterprize: or to cooperate with us should they continue the Siege.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 307.

[*See page 101*]

TO USOFF CAWN February 16th: 1759

Major Caillaud having acquainted me with your Intention to march for Sadras, I have dispatched the Company's Sloop with a Supply of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, and four hundred three Pounder Shot. In case of Major Caillaud's comming [*sic*] away for Madras, he will leave the Command of the Army with you & Captain Preston as before and you will continue to act in such manner as you judge most likely to distress the Enemy. The Affairs here go on very well. The Enemy fire now from only Six pieces of Cannon and one Mortar. Either their Guns have been distroyed by the Shot from the Fort, or else they are in want of

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Ammunition, their Ship which came with the last supply, being oblig'd to go away again without Landing them upon our Ship running down towards her.

Since closing my Letter our Fleet has appeared in Sight, We shall see what will happen to morrow.

GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 308.

To CAPTAIN BAKER [*See page 101.*]

Sir 16th: February 1759

I send you in these Boats two Boxes containing twenty Thousand Pagodas, and four hundred three Pounder Shot all which are to be delivered to Major Caillaud who is lying with an Army at Sadras or a few Miles on this Side of it. You will weigh Anchor in such time as to be off Covelon at Sunrise to morrow morning. If you observe any Ship or other Vessell which you apprehend may be too strong for you in Sadras Road, you must keep sufficiently to Windward of her and hoist a signal of a Red Flag at your Mast head which Major Caillaud will answer by a large smoke. Whereever you observe such smoke there Anchor if you safely can and deliver the Money and Shot after which you will receive Major Caillaud on board and make the best of your way for Madras.

Should any Accident prevent your executing this in the Day time, your Night Signal is to be the firing of a Rocket which you are to do when you judge yourself about Midway between Covelon and Sadras. This Major Caillaud will answer by fyring a Rocket from his Camp, when you are to Anchor as near to it as possible, and deliver the Money and Shot as before mentioned.

I am Sir
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.

N. 309.

[*See page 102.*]

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE AT BOMBAY;

Gentlemen

This accompany's a Dupplicate of our Last dated the 27th: January. The 31st of the same Month arriv'd the Shaftesbury with the Sick of Colonel Draper's Regimenent [*sic*]. The two French Ships which were lying a little to the Northward of the Road, taking her as we imagine for a Man of War, did not oppose her coming into the Road, and she was afterwards secured by the Cannon of the Fort. She parted with the rest of the Fleet off Galle the 7th: of January, but they do not yet appear neither the Warren or any other Ship from Bengall.

We advised in our last that the Enemy were so far advanced as to be erecting a Battery on the Crest of the Glacis. This Battery consisting of 4 Pieces of Cannon they opened the 31st. January but after two or three hours were oblig'd by the Superior Fire of the Fort to close their Embrazures again. The Same thing happened for five Days successvely, after which they abandoned it intirely [*sic*], and began to fire again from their first Grand Battery four hundred and fifty Yards distant. By the Accounts of Deserters their Loss of Officers and Men in their advanc'd Battery was very considerable and they had several Pieces of Cannon disabled since they were oblig'd to quit it, their fire has been considerable decreasing. From 23 Pieces of Cannon which they had at one time they play now from only Six Pieces, but they have advanced their Sap along by the sea side so far as to embrace entirely the North East Angle of our Cover'd way from whence their Musquetry has oblig'd us to retire our People. In this Situation things have remained several Days without any material Alteration they endeavoured to open a Passage into the Ditch by a Mine which however they sprung so injudiciously, the passage being open to the Fire of several of our Cannon, that they could make no advantage of it.

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If the Fleet with Colonel Drapers Regiment has met with no Accident, nor gone to another Port we doubt not but we shall be able to maintain the Fort till their Arrival, & then oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege unless their Reinforcements should join them first. Major Caillaud has taken the Command of the Body of Seapoys & country Horse with a few Europeans collected from the Garrisons of Trithenopoly and Changleput commanded before by Captain Preston and these has been of great Service by keeping at a few Miles distance and stopping the Roads which has obliged the Enemy four [*sic*] several times to make large Detachments to oppose them, and on each Occasion they have lost several Men.

Upon the whole the Enemy's Numbers are undoubtedly much reduced and on our Side also you may imagine that during so long a Service the Kill'd, Wounded & Sick must be a great Many. It will be absolutely necessary that you send us by the Squadron a Reinforcement from your Garrison as well as a plentiful Supply of Gunpowder Mortars heavy Artillery with Carriages Field peices, shot, shells and all sorts of Military Stores, for our Expence of Stores has been exceeding large and we have had a great Number of Guns & Carriages renderd unserviceable. We shall be glad if you can contrive also a Supply of Timber and Plank for the whole town is absolutely in Ruins.

The French Ships which were in the Road, went away four or five days after the Arrival of the Shaftesbury. The Bristol has since return'd and landed a Supply of Stores at S$^{t.}$ Thomé and the Frigate came two [days] ago with the same Design but the Shaftesbury having repaired the Damage she received from the French Batteries went down to attack her upon which the Frigate made off without delivering her Cargo.

Captain Inglis highly merits the Company's favour for the great spirit with which he has acted and we Cannot sufficiently recommend the Behaviour of all the Officers and Men in the Garrison throughout this Long Fatigue. In firm hope that it will soon be brought to a happy Issue we remain

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S$^{t.}$ George
16 February 1759.

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TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ^{R}.
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE SELECT
COMMITTEE AT BENGAL.

GENTLEMEN

This accompany's Duplicate of our Last dated the 27th January. The 31st of the same Month arrived the Shaftesbury with the Sick of Colonel Draper's Regiment. The two French Ships which were lying a little to the Northward of the Road taking her as we imagine for a Man of War, did not oppose her coming into the Road, and she was afterwards secured by the Cannon of the Fort she parted with the Rest of the Fleet off Galle the 7th of January but they do not yet appear, neither the Warren or any other Ship from Bengal.

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obliged by the Superior Fire of the Fort to close their Embrazures again. The same Thing happened for five Days successfully [*sic*] after which they abandoned it entirely, and began to fire again from their First Grand Battery four hundred and fifty Yards distance. By the Accunts of Deserters their Loss of Officers and Men in their Advanced Battery, was very considerable and they had several Pieces of Cannon disabled. Since they were obliged to quit it their Fire has been continually decreasing. From 23 Pieces of Cannon which they had at one time they play now from only Six peices but they have advanced their Sap along by the Sea Side so far as to embrace intirely the North East Angle of our Cover'd way from whence their Musquetry has oblig'd us to retire our People. In this Situation things have remained several Days without any material Alteration. They endeavoured to open a Passage into the Ditch by a Mine which however they sprung so injudiciously the passage being open to the Fire of several of our Cannon, that they could make no advantage of it.

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Upon the whole the Enemy's Numbers are undoubtedly much reduced and on our side also you may imagine that during so long a service the Kill'd, Wounded, and Sick must be a great Maney [*sic*]. We persuade ourselves that you have already upon the news of our being invested, revok'd the Orders which forbid Colonel Forde's coming here, and directed him to join us, and we request also that you will send us all the Gunpowder, Mortars, heavy Artillery with Carriages, Feild pieces, Shot, Shells and other Military Stores you can possible spare, for our Expence of Stores has been exceeding large, and we have had a great Number of Guns and Carriages render'd unserviceable. We shall be glad if you can contrive also to send us a Supply of Timber, and Plank for the whole Town is absolutely in Ruins.

The French Ships which were in the Road went away four or five Days after the Arrival of the Shaftesbury. The Bristol has since returned and landed a Supply of Stores at S^{t} Thomé and the Frigate came two [days] ago with the same Design, but the Shaftesbury having repair'd the Damage she received from the French Bateries [*sic*] went down to attack her upon which the Frigate made off without delivering her Cargo.

Captain Inglis highly merits the Company's Favor for the great Spirit with which he has acted, and we cannot sufficiently recommend the Behaviour of all the Officers and Men in the Garrison throughout this Long Fatigue. In firm hope that it will soon be brought to a happy Issue we remain

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants,

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s} BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S^{t} George
16th February 1759

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[*See page 102.*]

To GEORGE POCOCK ESQ^R:
VICE ADMIRAL OF THE RED AND COMMANDER
IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA

Sir

This Accompanies a Duplicate of the Letter we had the Honour to write you the 27^th^ of January the 31^st^ of the same Month arrived the Shaftesbury with the Sick of Colonel Draper's Regiment. The two French Ships which were lying a little to the Northward of the Road, taking her as we imagine for a Man of War did not oppose her coming into to [*sic*] the Road, and she was afterwards secured by the Cannon of the Fort she parted with the rest of the Fleet of Galle the 7^th^ of January but they do not yet appear, neither the Warren or any other Ship from Bengal.

We advis'd in our last that the Enemy were so far advanced as to be erecting a Battery upon the Crest of the Glacis. This Battery consisting of 4 Pieces of Cannon they opened the 31^st^ of January but after two or three Hours were oblig'd by the Superior Fire of the Fort to close their Embrazures again. The same thing happen'd for five Days successfully, after which they abandoned it intirely and began to fire again from their First Grand Battery four hundred & fifty Yards distant. By the Account of Deserters their Loss of Officers & Men in their Advanc'd Battery was very considerable, and they had several peices of Cannon disabled. Since they were obliged to quit it, their Fire has been continually decreasing. From 23 Pieces of Cannon which they had at one time they Play now from only 6 Pieces, but they have advanced their Sap along by the Sea Side so far as to embrace entirely the North East Angle of our Cover'd way from whence their Musketry has oblig'd us to retire our People. In this Situation Things have remained several Days without any Material Alteration. They endeavoured to open a Passage into the Ditch by a Mine which however they sprung so injudiciously, the passage being open to the Fire of several of our Cannon that they could make no advantage of it.

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Upon the whole the Enemy's Numbers are undoubtedly much reduced, and on our Side also you may imagine that during so long a Service the Kill'd Wounded, and Sick must be a great Maney [*sic*]. We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay that it will be absolutely necessary they send us a Reinforcement from their Garrison as well as plentiful Supply of Gunpowder, Mortars, heavy Artillery with Carriages, Field pieces, Shot, Shells and all sorts of Military Stores, and we request of you Sir the favor to receive what you conveniently can on board the Ships of the Squadron or the Tenders. You will no doubt be sencible of the Necessity of being upon the Coast as early as possible to prevent the second Attempt which will undoubtedly be made against this Place if the French Fleet from the Islands should arrive before you. It may be necessary to apprize you that a great part of the Salt Provisions you left here has been broke open by the Shels and serv'd out to our Garrison, the Rest also we are making use of as we see Occasion.

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with the most perfect Respect and Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

Fort S^{t} George
16 February 1759

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To MAJOR CAILLAUD [*See page 102.*] 17th. February 1759

Sir

I sent you last night the supply's you desired by the Cuddalore Schooner, and advised you at the same time of the Arrival of our Fleet. This Morning the Enemy set fire to their Battery, spik'd their Guns and march'd off we see them now at Egmore, Several Deserters are already come over to us. Do you keep as close to them as possible and harrass them and you will pick up many. I will advise you presently of the Resolutions we take.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

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To THE OFFICER COMMANDING AT CHANGLEPUT 17th. February 1759

Sir

Our Fleet arrived last night, and this Morning the Enemy raised the Siege. Their Army is now at Egmore of which I give you this Notice that you may be Garded [*sic*] against a Surprize should they take your Road.

I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.

Since closing the Letter the French have march'd from Egmore to the Southward.

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To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}. February 15th 1759

Sir

Your two last favours N 3 or 4 I have received, I arrived here this Day, but could not put my Scheme in execution on the Fort, it having been reinforced:

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however I do not think my march lost, since I have the pleasure of sending you the Copy of a Letter, which we have intercepted from General Lally to M^r^ Leyrit. I am since inform'd they intend raising the Siege this Night, & hope it will be confirmed before the Arrival of this, I return tomorrow to Changleput, & from thence shall inform you of my further Resolutions, & have the honour to be

Sir

Camp near Sadras

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
J. CAILLAUD.

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M^R.^

Au Camp devant Madras ce 14 Fevrier 1759.

Il y auroit un beau coup á faire ici Monsieur il y a un Vaisseau en cette Rade de 20 pieces de Canon chargé de toutes les Richessis de Madras et qu'on dity devoir rester Jusqu'au 20 ; l' expedition vient d' arriver mais M^r^ Gerlin n'est point homme á l' attaquer puis qu'il l' a deja fait fuir une fois ; Le Bristol d'un autre Coté a á peine paru a S^t^ Thomé sur la nouvelle vague des 13 Vaisseaux de Porto Novo il a pris l' epouvante et aprés avoir debarqué les munitions dont il etoit chargé il n'a Seulement pas voulu Se donner le tems de reprendre 12 pieces de son Canon qu'il nous avoit preté pendant le Siege.

Si J'étois Juge du point d' honneur des Officieurs de la Compagnie Je le Casserois comme un Verre ainsi que quelques autres : Ou la Fidelle ou le Harlem ou ce meme Bristol avec ses 12 Canon de plus Suffiroit pour se rendre Maitre du batiment Anglais S'il pouvoit parvenir á gagner le vent Sur luy dans l'obscurité de la nuit. Maugendre et Tremillier, Sont dit on tres bons et ne deussent ils servir qu'au transport de 200 Blésses que nous avons ici, le service seroit d' importance.

Nous somes toujours dans la même position la breche faite depuis 15 Jours, toujouers à 15 toises des Murs de la place et jamais ne levant la tete pour la regarder; Je Compte qu'en arrivant a Pondicherry nous chercherons tous a apprendre quelqu' autre metier, car celuy de la guerre exige trop de patience.

De 1500 Cipays dont l' armee est censée Composée J'en compte á peu prés 800 Sur la route de pondicherry chargés de Sucre et de poivre et autres Marchandizes, Quant aux Coulis ils sont tous employés pour le même objet depuis le Jour que nous Sommes arrivé ici.

Je prendrois mes mesures des aujourd' huy pour embrazer la ville noire et faire Sauter la poudriere.

Vous n' imagineres Jamais que ce sont 30 deserteurs Francais, et une 100 de Suisses qui tiennent en arret 2000 hommes de troupe du Roy et de le Compagnie qui sont encore ici existant, malgré les états Surchargés que chacun fait ici a Sa guise de la boucherie qu'on en a faite, et vous seres encore plus surpris que si je vous disois que sans les deus Combats et les 4 battailles que nous avons essuyé, et sans les deux batteries qui ont été manquées, ou faites de travers pour parler pour clairement, nous n'aurions pas perdu 50 hommes depuis le Commencement du Siege Jusque aujourd' huy.

J'ay ecrit A Monsieur de Larche, S'il persiste a ne point venir ici, tirera de l'argent qui voudra des poligars, ce ne sera pas moy et je renounce, comme je vous en ai déja prevenu il y a plus d'un mois me mêler directement ni indirectement de tout ce qui peut avoir raport a votre administration soit civile soit militaire. J'irai plutot Commander les Caffres de Madegascar que de rester dans

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cette Sodome, qu'il n'est pas possible que le feu des Anglais ne detruise tôt ou tard au defaut de celuy de Ciel. J'ay L'honneur d'etre avec une tres parfait attachment,

Votre tres humble &
tres Obeisant Serviteur
LALLY.

P.S.

Je suis obligé de vous prevenir que Monssiur De Soupire ayant refusé de prendre le Commandement de cette Armée que je luy ai offert et auquel il est autorisé par la double de mes expeditions que la Cour luy avoit remis il faudra que Malgré vous et vos conseil, vous vous en chargé Je m'sengage Seulement á vous la ramener soit a Arcatte soit a Sadras envoyes y vos ordres, ou portez vous y vous-meme pour la Commander car Je la quitte en y arrivant.

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From the Camp before Madras
14 Feb^{y} 1759

A fine stroke might be made here Sir; there is in this Road a Ship of Twenty Guns with all the Riches of Madras on board and it is said, she is to remain here till the 20th the Expidition is just arrived but M^{r}· Gulin is not the Man to Attack her, since she has already made him run away once. The Bristol on the other hand scarce appeared at S^{t}· Thomé but on the uncertain Report of the thirteen Ships off Porto Novo he took fright & after having landed the Stores with which he was loaded he would not even give himself time to take on board 12 of his Guns which he had lent us during the Seige.

If I were judge of the Point of Honnour of the Company's Officers I would break him like Glas [*sic*] as well as some others now either the Fidelle, or the Harlem or this same Bristol with her other 12 Guns would be sufficient to take the English Ship if she could get to Windward of her in the Obscurity of the Night. Maugendie & Trimelle they say are in very good Condition (sont dit on tres bons) & should they only serve to carry off 200 Wounded that we have here, the Service would be important.

We yet continue in the same situation, the breach made these 15 Days still at Thirty Yards from the walls of the place & never venturing to look up at it. I imagine when we get back to Pondecherry, we shall all set about learning another Trade for that of War requires too much patience. Of 1,500 Seapoys of which it is judged the Army consists I reckon about 800 on the Road to Pondicherry, loaded with Sugar, Pepper, and other Merchandize. As to the Coolies they have all been employed to the same purpose ever since the day that we arrived here.

I shall take my measures from this Day for burning the Black Town & blowing up the Powder Mill.

You will never conceive that 50 French Deserters and about 100 Swiss should thus keep at Bay 2,000 Men of the Kings and Companys Troops who are yet here in being notwithstanding the extravagant accounts which every one gives according to his own fancy of the Slaugter [*sic*] that has been made of them, & you will be much more surprized if I should tell you that execlusive [*sic*] of the two fights, and four Battles that we have had, & besides the two Batteries which have failed or to speak more clearly were built awry We Should not have lost 50 Men from the beginning of the Seige to this Day. I have wrote to M^{r}· de Larche that if he persist in not coming here, let who will get the Money from the Polygars, it shall not be me, & I renounce as I apprized you above a Month ago all Concern directly or indirectly with any thing that relates to your administration, civil or Military. I would rather go & Command the Caffrees of Madagascar than remain in this

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Sodom, which it is impossible but the fire of the English must sooner or later distroy, If that from Heaven should not.

I have the Honour to be with perfect Attachment
Sir
Your most humble & Obedient
Servant
LALLY.

P.S.

I must apprize you that M^r^ de Soupire having refused to take the Command of this Army which I offer'd him & which he is authorized to do by the Duplicate of my Instructions transmitted him from Court you must whether you will or not, together with the Counsil take it upon yourself. I engage only to lead it back for you, either to Arcot or Sadras, send your orders thither or come and take the Command yourself for I will quit it as soon as I get there.

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GENERAL RETURN OF THE CASUALTIES IN THE GARRISON OF FORT ST. GEORGE DURING THE

	Officers															Killed.									
	Killed					Wounded				Deã-sed		Prisoners wth ye Enemy				Centinels									
	Major	Captain	Captains Lieutenants	Lieutinants	Ensigns	Captains	Lieutinants	Second Lieutenants	Ensigns	Captains	Lieutinant Fireworkers	Lieutinants	Ensigns	Volunteir	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans.	Topazes	Coffrys	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses
Troop of Horse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...		...	.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
The Honble : Compys Do	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12
His Matys 64 Regimt.	...		...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
The Detachmt. of Marines	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble : Compys 1st Battn	1	1	..	1	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	6	2	...	38	5	...	...	...	...
The Honble : Compy's 2nd Do	...	...	1	2	3	2	2	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	7	6	...	61	2	7	...	...	...
Invalids & Pensioners	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...		4	5	1	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	2	2	4	4	6 [sic]	5	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	17	8	...	129	12	8	...	6	16

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SIEGE FROM THE 12 DECEMBER 1758 TILL THE 17 OF FEBRUARY 1759.

			Wounded												Deceased										Prisoners wth ye Enemy						Deserted					
						Centinels											Centinels									Centinels							Centinels				
Syrang	Tindall	Lascars	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffries	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Syrang	Tindall	Lascars	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffries	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topazes	Coffries	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	[Topazes]	[Coffries]
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	9	14	..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	6	7	1	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
..	...	...	6	2	2	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	...	45	2	...	...	3	...	15	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	3	1	[5]	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	48	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	9	11	7	4	[...]	4	3	4	15	21	1	..	14	3	2	...	40	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	1	104	2	9	1	3	...	16	...	...

RETURN OF SEAPOYS KILL'D & WOUNDED DURING THE SIEGE OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Of the Two Battalions.	Killed						Wounded.				
	Subadars.	Jamidars.	Havoldars.	Naicks.	Seapoys.	Total killed.	Subadars.	Jamidars.	[Havoldars.]	[Naicks.]	[Seapoys.]
	[...	...	...	...]	78	105	3	10	18	19	[16]

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LIST OF THE OFFICERS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE SIEGE OF FORT ST. GEORGE 1759.

—	Killed.	—	Wounded.
Major	Paul Polier of the Companys Infantry		
Captains	John Hume ... ... } Ditto ...		Richard Black of the Companys Infantry.
	Augustus Monchanin ... }	Captains ...	Edmund Pascall Ditto
	Stephen Bilhock ... ... }		Charles Tod Ditto
Captn Lieutenants.	Jonathen Brooks Companys Artillery.		
	William Robson Companys Infantry ...		William Elliott Companys Infantry.
Lieutenants ...	John Little... ... ... Ditto ...		
	Joseph Bates ... ... Ditto ..		Ross Lang Ditto
	Brown ... ... 64th Regiment ...		
	Richard Chase Companys Infantry ...	Lieutenants ...	Leonard Parrot Ditto
Ensigns	Lyon Schomberg ... ... Ditto ...		
	William Barnes ... ... Ditto ...		John Hopkins ... 64 Regiment.
	James Belton ... ... Ditto ...		
	Dead of Sickness Captn. Jas. Ogelvy Ditto.		Archibald Blaire } Prisoners Com-
	Lietenant Fireworker John Teal Royal Artillery		Stephen Smith } panys Infantry
		[2d] Lieutenants...	Edger Weetman Royal Artillery.
		Ensigns ...	Richard Fitzpatrick. } Companys
			John Bellingham ... } Infantry.
			Thomas Wilcox ... }
		Ensign ...	Richard Cooke ... Company Infantry made Prisoner but left behind amongst the Enemys Sick when they Retreated.

CHAS. TOD
T. Major.

RETURN of Ammunition Expended at the Siege of Fort S'. George taken from the Daily Expence as kept by Captain Robert Barker of the Artillery.

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RETURN OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED AT THE SIEGE OF FORT ST. GEORGE TAKEN

	Round Shott					Grape Shott					12 Partridge
	24	18	12	9	6	24	18	12	9	6	
State of Ammunition 12th Decr.	13052	9270	5605	9997	7459	878	495	382	255	416	1419
Total Expense, the 17 Feby. ...	6706	2869	4478	3263	684	393	17	382	92	25	125 [...]
Remaining the 18th February ...	6346	6401	1127	6734	6775	485	478	...	163	391	16 [.....]

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FROM THE DAILY EXPENCE AS KEPT BY CAPTAIN ROBERT BARKER OF THE ARTILLERY.

Shells					Hand Granae	Match Skains	Fire Balls	Fixt Ammunition				Powder	
								Round		Grape			
18	10	8	R	C				12	6	12	6	lb	
81	1594	1232	1465	2821	2676	3399	337	175	1787	154	1111	243600	or Barrels 2436.
[22]	1489	1182	1465	2594	1990	522	330	146	163	58	399	176798	Ditto 1768.
59	105	100	...	227	686	2877	7	29	1574	96	712	66802	Ditto 668.

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GENERAL WEEKLY RETURN OF THE STRENGTH OF THE GARRISON OF FORT ST GEORGE FEBRUARY 17TH 1759

—	Officers																				Volunteers	Doing Duty									
														Staff													Centinels					
	Lieutenant Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captn. & Town Major	Captn. & Brigade Major	Captain Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Second Lieutenants	Cornet & Quarter Masters	Ensigns	Lieutenant Fire-workers	Adjutant [sic]	Surgeon	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Chaplin	Surgeons Mate	Commissary	Clerk of Stores	Conductors		Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Farriers	Europeans	Topasses	Coffries	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses
Troope of Horse	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	1	26	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	9	32	43
The Honble Companys Artillery	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	30
His Majesty 64 Regiment	1	2	6	...	...	...	17	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	32	...	17	...	577	...	...	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys 1st Battalion	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	11	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	35	24	...	[245]	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto 2 Ditto	...	1	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	11	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	36	23	...	181	[3]	49	...	...	...
Supernumeraries	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	3	25	1	1	3	31	3	1	28	7	1 [sic]	1	4 [sic]	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	130	82	68	1	1030	[24]	49	12	37	73

—	Sick								Wounded								Additional Gunners & Matrosses	Pioneers			Artificers	Camp Colour Men	Attending the Sick	Invalids	Prisoners	Total	Casualties					
			Centinels									Centinels																				
	Serjeants	Corporals	Europeans	Topazes	Coffries	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Europeans	Topasses	Coffries	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Serjeants	Corporals	Centinels						Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers	Killed	Deceased	Received	Recovered	Entertained	Wounded
Troope of Horse	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	10	...	...	...
Royal Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117	...	2	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys Artillery	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	1	...	...	...	...
His Majesty 64 Regiment	...	...	99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	725	...	6	554	...	...	...
The Detachment of Marines	...	1	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	84	...	4	...	...	...	...
The Honble Companys 1st Battalion	3	4	42	2	...	...	...	...	5	2	3	29	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	1	31	7	5	2	1	4	526	5	1	13	...	...	3
Ditto 2 Ditto	2	1	31	1	6	...	...	...	...	3	...	32	2	5	...	...	...	19	2	1	20	6	5	...	...	...	432	1	4	3	1	3	3
Supernumeraries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	2	...	...
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General Weekly Return of the Seapoys in Fort St. George February 17 1759

	Doing Duty										On Command					Sick & Wounded					Total	Casualties			
	Commandants	Subedars	Jamedars	Havildars	Naicks	Colour Men	Tom Toms	Trumpeters	Seapoys	Total	Jamidars	Halwdars [sic]	Naicks	Seapoys	Total	Jamidars	Havildars	Naicks	Seepoys	Total	The amount of the whole	Killed	Deserted	Received	Removed
First & Second Battalion	2	32	101	175	151	40	27	12	1,041	1,581	1	2	4	8	15	17	32	21	131	201	1,797	5	34	...	...

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